

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Blizard SC653 AA11  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 555B<sup>2</sup>

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Petition of Celia Blizard praying a pension  
Presented by John J Myers

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To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of Celia Blizard respectfully Sheweth that her husband John Blizard was a revolutionary Soldier & about the year 1779 or 80 he left her prepared to join the American Army and served as he told her a certain time in defense of his country and then came home on furlough told her he had been taken prisoner by the enemy and again retaken by the Americans – Stayed at home the time of his furlough and then left her (with two small children) to go back to camps to serve his country. Shortly after he left home he died in camps – She is now entirely helpless about eighty years of age without any home or subsistence of her own her entire estate consist of one old bed and light furniture. She therefore prays your honours would take her case in consideration and grant her such relief as you deem proper.

Fairfield District } Personally appeared Celia Blizard & made oath to the above facts.

Sworn to before me

November 21<sup>st</sup> 1840

S/ Josiah Hinnant JP

S/ Celia Blizard, X her mark

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Fairfield District }

Joshua Johnson being sworn says that the within named John Blizard left his home and family to join the American Army after being absent sometime he came to visit his family on furlough after staying at home a short time he returned to the camps it was common rumor at that day that he was a faithful Soldier served his Country fought in defense thereof was once taken

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<sup>2</sup> This documents are mistakenly contained in the file 555A for George Blessett [Blissett].

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Sworn to before me the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1840

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Senate

Report of the Committee on the Military & Pensions on the report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives on the Petition of Celia Blizard praying a pension

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The committee on the Military & Pensions to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives on the Petition of Eliza Blizard [sic] praying a Pension, report that they have considered the same, and recommend a concurrence in the report of the House.

S/ Thomas F Jones, Chairman

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Report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of Celia Blizard praying a Pension

In the House of Representatives

December 17, 1840

Resolved, that the House do agree to the Report. Ordered that it be sent to the Senate for concurrence

By order

S/ TW Glover, C H R

In the Senate

December 18, 1840

Resolved that the Senate do concur in the Report –

Ordered that it be returned to the House of Representatives

S/ W E Martin

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The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Celia Blizard praying a Pension, Respectfully Report, That they have considered the same & recommend that she be placed on the Pension Roll of the State –