

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Robison [Robeson, Robinson] W10246 Rebecca Robinson
f72SC Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves 11/29/09 rev'd 11/30/09 & 11/27/22

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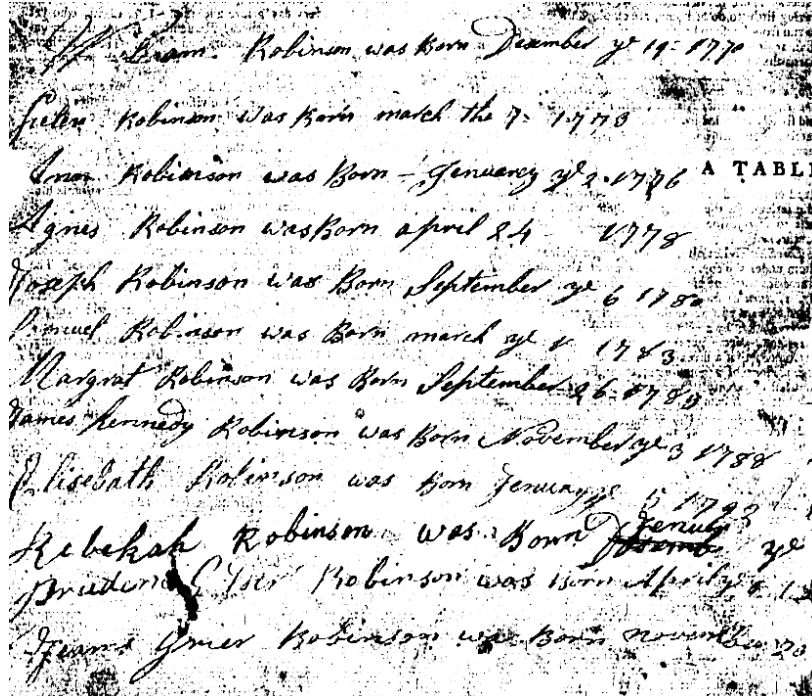
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South Carolina York District} Personally appeared before me James Kuykendal Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions for the District aforesaid James G. Robinson, a citizen & resident of Chester District who being duly sworn, says that he is aged forty seven years, passt, and is the son of Joseph Robinson deceased formerly of Chester District. The said James G. Robinson doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay & Pensions to certain widows["] -- also the benefit of the act of 3rd March 1843. This declarant in behalf of himself & the other heirs of said Joseph Robinson deceased, states that the said Joseph Robinson was a Private & Lieutenant in the South Carolina Militia, in the War of the Revolution as the heirs understand & believe & as such he served the United States against the common enemy. That the said Joseph Robinson entered the service of the United States in the year 1775 under the command of Captain Joseph Brown General Richardson [then Colonel Richard Richardson] & served in what was called the Snow Campaign for three months.¹ That his next Tour of service was in the Florida campaign in 1776,² under the command of Captain Thomas Robins, General Williamson [then Major Andrew Williamson] & served for four months against the common enemy. That his next tour of service, was in the latter part of the year 1776 & in the beginning of the year 1777 in the Indian Campaign, when he served under Captain Gaston [William Gaston], General Pickens [then Colonel Andrew Pickens], against the common enemy for four months. That his next tour of service, was in 1779, was in the expedition to Briar Creek in the State of Georgia,³ against the enemy, where he served two months under Captain Gaston, General Ashe [John Ashe of North Carolina]. That his next tour of service was in 1780, after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780],⁴ as a private & Lieutenant in Captain John McCool's [John McCool's] Company General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] Brigade, as a volunteer & served until the end of the war, but the particulars of his service he is unable to give. He was in the following battles viz. at the Battle of Briar Creek in the State of Georgia where he was slightly wounded & our forces were defeated -- also at the Battle of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780],⁵ Fish Dam Ford [November 9, 1780],⁶ Blackstocks [November 20, 1780]⁷ & Hook's defeat [sic, Huck's defeat, also known as Brattonsville and Williamson's plantation, July 12, 1780],⁸ in the State of South Carolina in 1780 -- and in 1781 he was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].⁹

He further declares that said Joseph Robinson was married to Rebecca Grier widow of Captain William Grier who was also a Captain in the revolutionary war. That there is no record of the marriage but there is, of the births of their children, issue of said marriage which he is hereunto appended. From said record it appears that Elizabeth Robinson who was the first child of said marriage was born 5th of January 1792, and declarant has often heard his mother the said

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² First Florida expedition: Fall of 1776 <https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

³ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

⁴ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

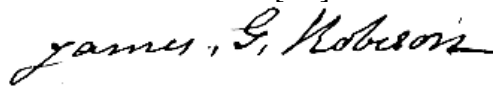
⁸ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

⁹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

Rebecca say she was married to said Joseph Robinson about two years before the birth of said Elizabeth, and he therefore states that said marriage took place in 1789 or 1790 -- and that said Joseph Robinson & Rebecca lived together as man & wife until the death of said Joseph Robinson who died on the ___ day of September in the year 1829 -- and that his widow the said Rebecca departed this life on the 21st day of April 1845 not having intermarried after the death of the said Joseph Robinson.

Declarant further states that the surviving heirs of said Joseph Robinson & Rebecca Robinson our Rebecca Saunders, Prudence E. Yarborough & James G. Robinson, the declarant all of lawful age. Sworn to & subscribed December 24, 1846 before me

S/ James G. Robison [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James G. Robison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a vertical line that serves as a separator.

S/ Jas KuyKendal

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South Carolina York District} Personally appeared Joseph Jamieson Before me A S Wallace one of the Magistrates in and for the District aforesaid and Pensioner at the rate of 24 dollars per annum who being first duly sworn according to law saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Joseph Robeson Revolutionary soldier Deceased in time of and since the war of the Revolution up to his the said Joseph Robeson's death.

He further says that Joseph Robeson had the reputation of doing good service in the Revolution -- part of which the deponent knows of his own personal knowledge. Deponent states that in the year 1781 that he deponent marched from York District under Captain Wood to Edisto South Carolina where he found Joseph Robeson in service and continued with the said Robeson in service for about 8 weeks and believes that the said Joseph Robeson was a Lieutenant in said service and well recollects that he the said Joseph Robeson had a small company under his command he Further he says that the above named Joseph Robeson was in the snow campaign, Florida campaign and Indian campaign as he deponent has always understood and believes and that after the above service he had the reputation of doing good service against the common enemy throughout the war -- but cannot give the particulars of any service but the Edisto campaign as stated above.

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th of December 1846

S/ Joseph Jamieson, X his mark

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South Carolina York District} Personally appeared John Watterson a resident of Chester District aged 60 years before me the subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form of law that he has known Joseph Robison Revolutionary soldier deceased and husband of Rebecca Robison whose heirs are now applicants for a pension since his first recollection.

Deponent further states that he has lived within one half mile of the said Joseph Robison and his wife Rebecca since the year 1806 and was acquainted with them before 1806 to wit from his first recollection and knows that William Phelix [Felix] Ann Agness Joseph Samuel and Margaret were always said to be the children of the first wife of Joseph Robison and that Elizabeth, Rebecca, Prudence and James G. Robison were his children by his last wife Rebecca Mother of the present claimants and that the children of the first wife are all dead but Joseph, Agness Robison & Margaret Gilmore and that Rebecca Saunders, Prudence Yarborough and

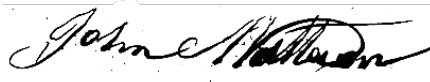
James G. Robison all the only surviving children by his last marriage and all of lawful age.

He further says that the said Joseph Robison has always had the reputation of doing good service in the Army of the revolution and has often heard him speak of his service against the Cherokee Indians and also of his services in Florida and the State of Georgia and has often heard him speak of finding bees in the former campaign and his service generally throughout the war and has always understood Robert Cowley,¹⁰ Wm McClooney [William McClooney], James Johnson¹¹ & Robert Wilson¹² were with the said Joseph Robison in the Florida Campaign.

He further says that Robert Wilson is still living in York District deponent says that he has known the said Robert Wilson since his first recollection that he has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens that he is now a man of sound mind and good moral character and no man in this community would more readily be believed.

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th of July 1847

S/ John Watterson



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South Carolina York District } Appear John Jamison and made oath in due form of law that he lived within one half mile of Rebecca Robason [sic] widow of Joseph Robeson Revolutionary soldier deceased for the last thirty years and knows of his own personal knowledge that she Departed this life about the last of April 1845 [sic] that the deponent sold a load of cotton in Columbia South Carolina on 25 April 1847 as shown by his bill which is hereunto appended that he left Columbia the next day with his Boat and distinctly recollects that he was four days getting home and believes that Mrs. Rebecca Robeson died the night he came home leaving three surviving children issue of her marriage with Joseph Robeson and all of lawful age to wit Rebecca Samour [Seymour?] Prudence, Yarborough and James Robeson and that Elizabeth is her oldest child to Joseph Robeson and issue of their said Marriage and would if living be fifty four or five years of age and that William, Phelix Ann Nancy Joseph Samuel & Margaret were the children of Joseph Robeson by a previous Marriage and that Nancy & Joseph Robeson and Margaret Gillmore are still living and all of lawful age the Balance of all having died before the said Rebecca Robeson and that Robert Mary and Catherine Greer were Mrs. Robeson's Children by a previous Marriage with William Greer who was a Captain in the Army of the Revolution as deponent has always understood and believes.

Deponent further states that he has always understood and believes that Joseph Robeson husband of said Rebecca Robeson was in the snow Campaign for some three months also in the Florida campaign about four months in 1776 where deponent has always understood that health of the said Joseph Robeson was Materially injured and left a complaint with him to wit choking [?] in his breast which personally tormented his existence being unable to swallow without water or some liquid and also in the Indian Campaign in some four or five months in 1776 and beginning of seventy seven and that he the said Joseph Robeson was generally in service as a

¹⁰ [Robert Cowley S39336](#)

¹¹ [James Johnson W9088](#)

¹² [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

private and Lieutenant until the close of the war when his disease [undeciphered word]¹³ by the Florida campaign would [undeciphered word]¹⁴ deponent Feels satisfied that said Joseph Robeson was in the three Campaigns as above stated that he has often heard the said Joseph Robeson speak of the aforementioned campaigns particularly of the Florida campaign in 1776 and has often heard him speak of fire [?] bees while in that campaign and being greatly annoyed with Mosquitoes both of which were very plenty in that Country.

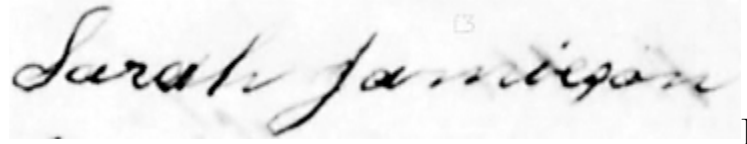
Deponent further states that he often heard his Father Captain James Jamieson Robert Cowley Robert Wilson and other Revolutionary soldiers say that the said Joseph Robeson was in the snow Campaign, Florida campaign and Indian campaign prior to 1777 or ending in the beginning of that year as well as speak of the Balance of his service during the War of the Revolution and that he does not know of any other soldier now living (since the death of Robert Cowley) but Robert Wilson who served with Joseph Robeson in the above campaigns & that the said Robert Wilson is not only a man of sound of mind with a recollection of the first order but decide is a Gentleman of high Moral character and no man's word or oath would go further than his where he is known.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of July 1847
S/ John Jamieson



S/ A. S. Wallace, Magt.

[p 14: Sarah Jamieson testified that she was present when Rebecca Robeson died the night her Father John Jamison returned from Columbia the last of April 1745 [sic]



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South Carolina York District} Appeared James R Williams Esquire a resident of said District Aged 65 years before me the Subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form of law to the following statements that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Joseph Robieson [sic, so spelled throughout this document] Revolutionary Soldier deceased as well as with his Wife and family now applicants for a pension being raised in the same neighborhood and Worshiped at the same Church and that the said Joseph Robeson was always regarded as a Revolutionary Soldier and held the rank of Lieutenant for some time during our revolutionary Struggle deponent has often heard Joseph Robeson Robert Wilson Robert Cowley Captain Thomas Robbins [Thomas Robins] Moses Williams – and other Revolutionary Soldiers of the neighborhood speak of the service of Joseph Robeson in the Snow Campaign in 1775 the Florida Campaign in 1776 and the Indian Campaign and 76 & 77 and always understood that the above Service was performed in Captain T. Robbins' Company and that the above named and many

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¹⁴ *oomit*

others that lived in the same Congregation were companions in arms in the same Campaigns, the said Joseph Robeson often told deponent that Joseph Robeson Lost his health in Florida Campaign and never recovered from said disease and also that a Carrier [undeciphered word]¹⁵ the declaration of independence overtaking the Army at the Altamaha River the suffering of the Army from sickness and many other incidents of said Campaign the said Joseph Robeson showed deponent his commission as Lieutenant after the Reduction of Charlestown and Captain John McCool's Company Sumter's Brigade with other papers pertaining to the Revolution deponent was boarding with the said Joseph Robeson and teaching School at the time he Joseph Robeson showed him the Commission and papers above named deponent has often heard the said Joseph Robeson and other speak of the said Joseph Robeson's being slightly wounded and has seen the mark often. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this September 7, 1848

S/ Jas. Hood, Magst.

S/ James R. Williams

James R. Williams

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South Carolina Chester District } Appeared Joseph Robins Esquire resident of said District aged 65 years before me the subscribing magistrate who being first duly sworn according to law saith that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Joseph Robeson revolutionary soldier deceased & his wife Rebecca and also with their children Rebecca Saunders, Prudence Yarborough & James G. Robeson that he deponent was born and raised (as understood) within 3 miles of the said Joseph Robeson and was intimate with him up to the time of his death and that it has always been his understanding that the said Joseph Robeson first service was done in Captain Thomas Robins company (Father of deponent) deponent has often heard his Father and the said Joseph Robeson speak of their services in the Snow Campaign, Florida Campaign and Indian campaign, Particularly the Florida campaign of 1776, that he has often heard his father the aforesaid Captain Thomas Robins, Robert Wilson, Robert Cowley and other Revolutionary soldiers of the neighborhood speak of the Florida campaign of 1776 -- That a courier burying the Declaration of Independence overtook them at the Altamaha River and that General Williamson ordered Colonel Lacey to mount a horse and read it to his command as well as the difficulty of the Army crossing the River on rafts, the sickness incurred by the troops, they are finding Poisonous honey, with many other incidents of that campaign.

Deponent has also understood that the said Joseph Robeson was after the above periods, generally in service until the close of the war and in an engagement with the enemy deponent thinks in the low country the said Joseph Robeson was slightly wounded but cannot give the particulars of service or rank he held by said Joseph Robeson but that the said Joseph Robeson was always regarded by the patriots of the neighborhood as a good soldier and warm friend of his country. Sworn to and subscribed this 26th day of August 1848

S/ J. Robins

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S/ A. S. Wallace, Magt.

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South Carolina York District: Before me personally Joseph Jamieson¹⁶ and made oath in due form of law that he well recollects the snow campaign, Florida campaign and Indian campaign of 1775, 76 & 1777 deponent was not in those campaigns but his brother Captain James Jamieson was in the Snow campaign and Indian campaign and always understood that the forces then opposed to the Enemy were called out by the regular constituted authorities and that the officers engaged in the above campaigns were commissioned by the proper constituted authorities of this & other states engaged in that service to wit Georgia & North Carolina.

Deponent says that Robert Wilson was in the above campaigns that he has known Wilson since his first recollection and knows of his own personal knowledge that Wilson left for the above service to wit the Snow Campaign of 1775 for our campaign of 1776 and Indian campaigns of 1776 & 77 and knows the said Robert Wilson to be a man of undoubted veracity and his statements entitled to the highest confidence and well recollects Wilson was absent from home at the time of the above campaigns and has always had the reputation of serving in the above campaigns and that the above campaigns was well organized Militia service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me 3rd April 1848

S/ Joseph Jamieson, X his mark

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South Carolina York District }

Personally came Robert Wilson who being duly sworn says that the Snow Campaign of 1775 and the Florida campaign of 1776 and the Indian campaign in 1776 & 1777 were regularly organized militia service called out of the states of South Carolina North Carolina and Georgia by the constituted authorities of the above states and the officers as deponent always understood and still believes regularly commissioned. In the snow campaign there was one Regiment from the State of North Carolina under the command of Colonel Graham, the 2 regiments raised in South Carolina were under the command of Colonels Winn & Goodwin and Thomson with 300 regulars called Rangers constituted our force in the above campaign and all under the command of General Richardson and were paid for said service when discharged. The Florida Campaign was as deponent understood & still believes a call upon this State by the Governor of the State of Georgia and the forces of that campaign were volunteers from that State and from South Carolina the Georgians under General Twiggs the South Carolinians under General Williamson who had the command of the Army deponent says the forces from South Carolina from the best of his recollection did not volunteer for any definite time. The object was to dislodge the British from a post they had taken on the Florida side of the St. Mary's River called St. Mary's bluff and drove the enemy some 30 miles beyond the St. Mary's bluff into Cransaw [?] Swamp and were marched back and discharged which was then called mustering out of service and were settled for said service on their return home. The Indian campaign was to quell the Cherokee Indians that had become hostile and murdered Hight's [sic, Hite's] family with a number of others in what was then called 96 district in the North Western part of South Carolina deponent overtook

¹⁶ [Joseph Jamieson S9360](#)

the forces from South Carolina at Hight's plantation and drove the enemy into the mountains and destroyed their provisions deponent did not start with the forces of his neighborhood having been on an expedition to Charleston South Carolina by express and was discharged in overtook the forces in the Indian campaign as above stated and after affecting the object of this expedition were marched back to their settlements & discharged and were settled with for said service in bills of Chestnut house [?] & boycan [sic, Boykin?] a house in Camden South Carolina who were permitted to strike bills to the amount of their estates which at that time were almost valueless.

Deponent further says that there was more regularity in the above campaigns in any militia service done by him during the Revolutionary war as the campaigns were long and arduous and the Florida campaign a great distance from home deponent knows of his own personal knowledge and has the distinct recollection that Joseph Robeson was with him and all the above campaigns that they lived near neighbors and left home and returned together with the exception of the Indian campaign Robeson had left with the forces of the neighborhood and deponent found him in the Army at Hight's plantation now Greenville district and well recollects they were mustered out of the service and returned home together and that John Kirkpatrick¹⁷ was in the snow campaign of 1775.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of April 1849

S/ Robert Wilson



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South Carolina York District

Personally came before me A. S. Wallace a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid Robert Willson [sic] who being first duly sworn according to law saith that Joseph Robeson of Chester District South Carolina now deceased served in the revolutionary war on the part of the United States in the following manner one Tour of three months days in the Snow campaign in the year 1775 under the command of Captain Joseph Brown, Aaron Lockhart Lieutenant Colonel Win [sic, Winn], General Ritchison [sic, then Col. Richard Richardson]

The next tour was the Florida campaign deponent and the said Joseph Robeson again entered the service together in Captain Thomas Robins' Company James Robeson Lieutenant Colonel Goodin [sic, Goodwyn] General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and served 4 months and 10 days the year 1776.

The next tour was the Indian campaign the fall of the same year under Captain Gastin [sic, Gaston] or Brown and thinks that the said Robeson was out 3 or 4 months as he was in service some time before deponent joined the Army as he deponent was on a tour of duty to Charleston and returned home and joined the Main Army at hights [sic, Hite's] plantation in Greenville District under the command of General Andrew Pickens.

The next and last Tour was in Sumter's Brigade after the Fall of Charleston in 1780 he Deponent and Robeson above named left home together and joined Sumter on the East side of Catawba River North Carolina and served 3 or 4 months together in said Brigade in Captain Reid's & afterwards Captain McCool's company he further says that the above towers [sic, tours] he deponent and the said Joseph Robeson were comrades and messmates in the same companies

¹⁷ [John Kirkpatrick W9497](#)

and that the said Joseph Robeson was a Private soldier and Mounted Militia Man and on every occasion a volunteer.

Deponent Further states that the said Joseph Robeson was afterwards a Lieutenant in Captain McCool's company but never was in service with him when a Lieutenant but also says understood and believes he was a Lieutenant in said company.

He further says that he and the said Joseph Robeson lived within 1 mile of each other and knows that Joseph Robeson was in the Battle of Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock.

Sworn to and subscribed the 17th of Dec. [?] 1846 Before me

S/ Robert Wilson



S/ A. S. Wallace, Magt.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹⁸ relating to Joseph Robison pp15
Audited Account No. 6527

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No. 52

[No.] 187 [Book] T

Joseph Robinson [sic] his of Account of 115 days duty as private in the militia at 10/ [old South Carolina] currency per day in 1780 & 1782

Amounting to £29.12.10 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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South Carolina Dr. [Debtor]

Leut. Jos Robison

1780 41 Days as private General Sumter's

Brigade mounted on Horse at 20/ £41

1782 74 Days as Lieutenant and Captain McCool's

Company at 45/per Day £166.10

£29.12.10 ¼

Appeared Jos. Robison and made oath that the above Service was Done by him and that State is Justly indebted to him for the Same

Sworn to this 29th of June 178[last digit is illegible]

S/ Joseph Robison

¹⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

S/ Jno. McCool, JP



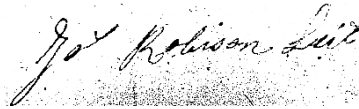
I Certify that the above Account is Just and true
S/ John McCool Capt.



I do hereby Empower Thomas Woods Esquire to Receive my Indent for the amount of my
account against the State of South Carolina & his Receipt Shall be a Sufficient Discharge from
me

To the Treasurer of the State
of South Carolina

S/ Jos. Robison Lut.



Signed & acknowledged this 28th of February 1786 before
S/ Jo Brown, JP

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Received the ___ full Satisfaction for the amount of the within Account in an Indent No. 187 T by
Order

S/ Clayton Rogers

