

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Anthony W21614

Mary Anthony

f36SC

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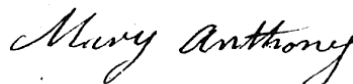
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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 16th day of April personally appeared before the Honorable Thomas Lee U S Judge for the district of South Carolina Mrs. Mary Anthony a resident of said City aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836. That she is the widow of John Anthony, who was a private volunteer Soldier, during the War of the Revolution, and served in the South Carolina Militia for two years in the manner following, to wit, he first joined a Corps called the true blues in the year 1776 and served in same about twelve months. He then joined the Charleston antient [sic, Ancient] Battalion of Artillery commanded by Captain Edward Rutledge, and was wounded while in it, at Port Royal in February 1779 [February 3, 1779]¹ by a musket ball in the knee which confined him several weeks, he remained in said Corps and served against the enemy during the Siege of Charleston & at the fall thereof [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], he was while under arms made a prisoner of war, he refused to take an oath of allegiance to, or serve, the British, and remained a prisoner of war for about 14 months, being one of those who with David Hamilton,² Joseph Righton³ and others were confined on board the prison ship *Torbay* in the harbor from whence upon an exchange of prisoners they were & he was permitted to depart, Saith, his name as being in the actions as above recorded in Ramsay's *history of South Carolina*. She further declares that she was married to the said John Anthony on the 12th day of October 1780, and that her husband the said John Anthony, died on the 19 May 1818, and that she is now, and has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to before me this 16th day of April as above written, and I further certify the respectability and credibility of the affiant.

S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge of the U. States for So. Carolina

S/ Mary Anthony



¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_port_royal_island_2.html

² [David Hamilton W10053](#)

³ [Joseph Righton W22074](#)

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State of South Carolina City of Charleston }

Personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Mary Anthony a resident of Charleston, aged 76, widow, who being duly sworn, Deposeth, in relation to her marriage with her deceased husband John Anthony, and in "explanation" of the "14 months" in which he was held a prisoner of war by the British, during the War of the Revolution, --

Deposeth, that, she was married in a private manner on account of the troubles of the times, and in the City of Charleston at the house of her relations, with whom she was then living namely Mr. & Mrs. Wilkins on the 12th of October 1780, her maiden name was Mary Johnson, she was at the time 19 years of age, her husband was then a prisoner, but permitted to go at large in the City for about 5 months previously. The officiating Minister was of the Church of England, from whence he came with the British Army and returned with it, after the Evacuation of the City. She cannot recall his name, nor did she that she remembers ever get from him a Certificate of her marriage; Mrs. Graves, she believes of all those who then knew the circumstances of her marriage now survive; when she accompanied her husband to Philadelphia, she had documents which might have been useful, But most of her papers were lost in that City,

Deposeth to the best of her recollection, the American ministers, would not, be allowed by the British to perform the marriage ceremony. The Legitimacy of her marriage was allowed and proved by the public acts of South Carolina Legislature, in rescinding an order in her favor for some small property of a private nature these documents however she has not in her possession. After the lapse of 7 months, from her marriage as above, her husband said John Anthony, still refusing to take protection from, or swear allegiance to the British, was after enduring trials & temptations from the enemy, carried with a number of other loyal Citizens & Confined on board the prison ship "*Torbay*" where he remained a prisoner for 2 months to the best of her recollection, this Deponent was there, with him & Mr. Joseph Righton & David Hamilton and a number of others as is related in the History of her Country, thus was the "14 months" a prisoner to wit, 12 months, in the City and 2 in the prison ship. This "explanation" she hopes will prove satisfactory to the Department, she has used diligence by examining the records here to obtain more information, But, the hiatus in the parish registries of the church by a minister of which she was married, the exile of one minister, the suspended faculties of another, - the confusion of the period, -- and the strong testimony of contemporary witnesses, together with the Certificates already before the Department, and those now sent, will she humbly hopes, be looked upon as the best proof which can be now had from the nature of her case, and induce the Commissioners and the Honorable the Secretary of War, to extend her that aid provided by her Country, to those accompanying proves she refers.

S/ Mary Anthony

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of May 1838 and I also certify the credibility of the affiant

S/ P. Cantwell, NP & QU

[supporting affidavits given by Joseph Manigault, Mrs. Elizabeth Gabeau (widow of Anthony Gabeau); Mr. Charles Graves; Mr. John Cart; Mrs. Margaret Barbary Gruber, 78 (widow of Daniel Cobia⁴, a revolutionary soldier); Mrs. Massey Graves, 82; as to the marriage of Mary Johnson to John Anthony.]

⁴ [Daniel Cobia W21233](#)

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South Carolina City of Charleston }

On this 16 day of April 1838, personally appeared before me in open Court, Mr. Joseph Righton, a revolutionary soldier and a resident of this City aged 76 years, who being duly sworn Deposeth, that, he knew Mr. John Anthony, whose widow claims a pension under the Act of Congress of 4th of July 1836, that, he this Deponent served under arms with said John Anthony, during the War of the Revolution, that, said John was a private volunteer soldier in South Carolina militia in the Corps called the Ancient Battalion of Artillery of Charleston under Captain Rutledge and served in same upwards of 12 months, that, he was wounded while so serving in this Corps at Port Royal in 1779, and that, he served likewise at the Siege of Charleston, that, at the fall of the City, being taken a prisoner while under arms he was made a prisoner of war and remained as such about 14 months, that, he refused to take the Oath of allegiance to the enemy, and was with this Deponent and David Hamilton and others, confined on board the ship *Torbay*, where he remained until an exchange of prisoners taken place, said John was with the others permitted to Depart, that, he the said John, in this way served 2 years in the war of the Revolution under arms. Deponent saith he has read the affidavit of Mrs. Mary Anthony the widow, and from his knowledge of her respectable character and other circumstances he believes the same to be true, Deponent saith that, said Mary was married to said John about the year 1780, and that, said John died about the year 1818, and that, said Mary has remained a widow and unmarried ever since.

Sworn to before me the day and year above written and I further certify the credibility of the affiant.

S/ Jos. Righton



S/ Thomas Lee, DJUSSC

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for the 2 years of service rendered by her husband as a private in the company of Captain Rutledge in the South Carolina artillery militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Anthony AA9
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 136A

[p 2: form of a mostly illegible Indent No. 362, Book M, dated October 1, 1784 issued to John Anthony for £94 Sterling but the reason for its issuance is illegible.]

[p 4: Form of Indent No. 133, Book W in the amount of £36.2.10 Sterling issued to Mr. John Anthony for 506 days Service in the Charleston Battalion of Artillery (2nd the Company) in 1780 & 1781 per Pay-Bill audited.]

[p 5: reverse of Indent bears signature of the veteran as follows:

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.



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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate of South Carolina

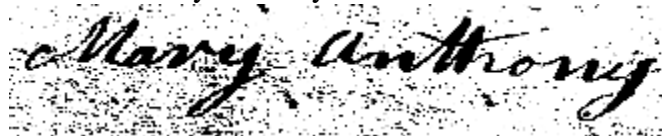
The Petition of Mrs. Mary Anthony, Widow of John Anthony late of Charleston deceased.

Sheweth

That John Anthony the husband of your Petitioner was a native of the Kingdom of France who migrated to South Carolina and settled in Charleston in the year 1764. That during the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in the Regiment of Artillery of this State under the command of Captain Edward Rutledge (afterwards Governor Rutledge) and also under the command of the late Colonel Daniel Stevens, was wounded at the battle of Beaufort, and continued in the American Service till the close of the Revolutionary war. That the said John Anthony resided in Charleston from the end of the war until the year 1818 when he departed this life, intestate, leaving Your Petitioner his widow, but leaving neither children nor any other relative or kindred in America. The said John Anthony owned and left at his death two lots of land one in King Street in Charleston measuring about 36 feet front by about 230 feet deep and the other in Cannonsborough on Charleston Neck measuring about 140 ft. square, which was the provision laid up for their age by the joint labors and economy of your Petitioner and her said husband during their marriage. Your Petition being entitled by the Active Assembly of 1791 to two thirds of her husband's real estate, entered into possession of the whole & have continued to hold the same to the present time – but having been recently informed that the Act of Assembly passed in December 1826 (amendatory of the Act for the abolition of the right of primogeniture) giving the whole estate to the Widow of the person so dying intestate, did not embrace her case in as much as the Act was passed after the death of her husband, and that probably one third of the said real estate would escheat to the State. Your Petitioner is desirous of casting herself & her claims upon the magnanimity & liberality of the State and asking that the rights of the State to the said one third part of her husband's real estate should be released to her. Your Petitioner is a native of Charleston & has lived here all her life.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that the right, title and interest of the State to one third of the real estate of said John Anthony may be released to and invested in her and her heirs and assigns. In your Petitioner will ever pray and so forth.

S/ Mary Anthony



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[The original affidavit annexed to the Petition to the House]

South Carolina Charleston District copy Affidavit

I Daniel Stevens of the City of Charleston and State of South Carolina, do hereby Certify on oath, that I knew and was well acquainted with the late John Anthony Harness Maker of this City & State aforesaid, that my first acquaintance with him was several years previous to the

commencement of the revolution of the United States both of us at that period residing in the city of Charleston in this then Province under the King's government, that the said John Anthony, continued here during the revolution, and strenuously assisted in accomplishing our Independence as a soldier in the militia of this State, and a great part of that time, was a private in the Regiment, of which I was in Officer (The Regiment of Artillery) and behaved himself as a brave soldier, and faithful citizen, that having been for some years previous to the revolution, a Resident of this place, performing all of the duties of an honest subject, and continuing constantly here, during all of the Revolution, and to his death as an upright good faithful citizen, he certainly was at his death as much entitled, as any native born person was to the rights of citizenship, and was to my knowledge fully admitted and considered as such, as much so as myself, a native born citizen of America – that the said John Anthony for some short time previous to his death – carried on his business in King Street not far from my residence, That it was always considered, he was a native born Frenchman, but a citizen of North America, having resided therein the greatest part of his life, as an upright honest citizen, a brave soldier and a good man.

Sworn to before me

at Charleston 31st October 1826

(signed) James a Miller, JP

(signed) Daniel Stevens