

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

**Pension application of William Ridgway W22081**

**Transcribed by Brock G. Ridgway**

**RIDGWAY, WILLIAM**

**Margaret  
or Peggy**

**Service**  
S.C.

**Number**  
W. 22081

**Contents**

**South Carolina**

**Margaret Ridgway, dec'd, widow of William Ridgway who was a private in the S.C. militia**

Inscribed on the Roll of Charleston at the rate of 21 Dollars and no/100 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831 & end August 6<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Certificate of Pension issued the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1855 and sent to: M. Thompson, Present.

*{Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832}*

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**Declaration**

**State of South Carolina     )(  
Sumter District             )(**

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me J. O. Brock a Magistrate within and for the District and State aforesaid Lyda David formerly Lyda Ridgway aged 69 years who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the legitimate child of William Ridgway deceased who was a soldier, (whether officer or private she does not know) in the War of the Revolution – that he the said William Ridgway was attached to Gen'l. Marian's Brigade under the immediate command of Captain William Dukes. That he continued in said War for a long period viz. for five or six years as deponent has always understood and verily believes. That the said William Ridgway was married to Margaret Hilton on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1767 by one Parson Woodmason – that the said William Ridgway died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1816 leaving a Widow, the said Margaret who remained his widow until her

death. That the said Margaret Ridgway widow as aforesaid died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1844 leaving deponent as the only surviving child. The deponent further swears that neither the said William Ridgway nor the said Margaret his widow ever made application either to the department at Washington or to the State of South Carolina in their life time for a pension that she is aware of. The the said Lyda David being now old and very infirm, poor and in distressed circumstances makes this appeal to the justice and liberality of the Pension Department for some remuneration for important services rendered by her deceased Father. She further swears that she is unable on account of age and bodily infirmity to travel to Sumterville a distance of about 28 miles to make this her declaration.

**Attest** *M. M. Benborn?*

**her**  
*Lyda X David*  
**mark**

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I certify that Lyda David is by reason of her age and bodily infirmity unable to travel to Sumterville a distance of some 28 or 30 miles.

*John O. Brock, Magistrate*

Attached to the Affidavit is a listing of information regarding the family:

William Ridgway was borne	June the 21, 1746
*Peaggey	May 24 1751
James	August 23, 1768
Richard	December 25, 1769
Hope	January 22, 1772
Moses	January 9, 1774
Mary	January 24, 1776
Timothy	January 31?, 1778
Amey?	May 14, 1780
Peaggay	January 26, 1784
William	November 16, 1786
Elizabeth	April 6, 1788
Lydia	March 15, 1790
* the wife	

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Attached to the above Affidavit was also the following affidavit:

**State of South Carolina**            )  
**Sumter District**                    )(

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1855 personally appeared before me a Magistrate duly authorized to administer Oaths within and for the State and District aforesaid. Elizabeth Ridgway aged 74 years a resident of Sumter District South Carolina who after being duly sworn according to law declared that when she was about 15 years old she was married to Moses Ridgway a son of William and Margaret Ridgway, she then became intimate with the Ridgway family and from the information derived from the family it was very evident at least to her that William Ridgway was engaged in the Revolutionary War from sometime in the year 1780 to its close in 1783; that he was engaged for some time in the upper Districts of this State where he originally came from when he settled in this District, that he had three Brothers, *to wit*, Capt. John Ridgway, Hope Ridgway and Samuel Ridgway who still remained in the up country she thinks in either Laurens or Abbeville District during the whole period of the War. John was a Captain in the service, Hope and Samuel, together with John a son of Captain John were privates in the same service; after William Ridgway left that part of the State he entered the service as a private under Captain William Dukes which was attached to Gen'l. Marion's command and has always understood and believes that he continued in the service under Captain Dukes until the end of the war.

Captain Dukes and William after the war was ended settled near each other where they continued to live until their deaths. She, affiant, heard them on many occasions talking about the many dangers through which they passed, and the various engagements which they had with the enemy, this seemed to be the topic of conversation whenever they met. Captain Dukes always spoke of

Ridgway as one of his most reliable men and always expressed great sympathy on account of diseases contracted in the service just before the close of the war, *to wit*, convulsions and from which he never entirely recovered up to his death. Charity was the widow of John.

**Attest** *M. M. Benborn?*

**her**  
*Elizabeth X Ridgway*  
**mark**

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written and I certify that the affiant is a credible witness

*A. A. Nettles*, Magistrate