

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Geiger ¹ W2728

Dorothy Geiger

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State of South Carolina District of Richland: SS

On this Seventh day of August in the year of our Lord 1851 personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary now sitting Mrs. Dorothy Geiger a resident of the Town of Columbia in the District and State aforesaid aged Eighty years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 29th, 1848. That she is the widow of Major Jacob Geiger deceased who entered the Army of the United States under the following Circumstances and served under the following Officers and as herein stated: That her said husband Jacob Geiger deceased at the beginning of the war, as this Deponent has been informed and believes lived in what is now Lexington District in this State and near Fort Granby² in said District: That early in said war of the Revolution her said husband enlisted as a fifer in the regular service and was out in the service of either of the regular or militia service until about the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]³ in this state when he returned home: That as this declarant has been informed from a reliable source & believes her said husband said Jacob Geiger deceased was out in the service during the whole war and received a wound at Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]⁴ near Camden in this State in his arm. That she has heard her husband speak of his having served in said war but as to the various battles in which he was engaged or the Countries through which he passed this Deponent does not now recollect. That among his Comrades were Captain Godfrey Dreher,⁵ Captain Gabriel Fridig [Capt. Gabriel A. Fridign]⁶ with whom he served and Lewellen Threewits [Lewelling Threewits]⁷ as this Deponent has been informed & believes: That she has not in her possession any of her said husband's war papers such as Discharges &c – That she has reason to believe that during the years near the close of the war her said husband was a Lieutenant under said Captain Gabriel Fridig who lived in said District of Lexington: That her said husband & herself were married near Granby aforesaid on the ___ day of January 1799. That this Declarant has not the date of her said marriage in any family Record but is enabled to speak with positive certainty as to the month & year by reason of the fact that her sister in law the present Mrs. Elizabeth Bell

¹ BLWt34282-160-55

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

⁵ [Godfrey Dreher \(Dreher, etc.\) SC65](#)

⁶ [Gabriel Fridig SC2919](#)

⁷ [Lewelling Threewits \(Threewits\) SC3039](#)

had a child her son David born about the very time whose birth is recorded in said Mrs. Elizabeth Bell's family Bible as having taken place on the 15th day of January 1799: That her said husband & herself were married by the Reverend Mr. Dunlap and continued to live together as husband and wife until the day of his death on the ___ day of December Eighteen Hundred.

That she was a widow on the 29th day of January A.D. 1848 and has & still remain so: That she was not married to her said husband Jacob Geiger aforesaid prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 2nd of January 1800, viz., at the time above stated: She further swears that she is now a widow and that she never before made any application for a pension. Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before
S/ James S. Guignard, Judge

S/ Dothy Geiger



[p 6: On July 31, 1851, in Richland District South Carolina, Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, 86, a resident of said district gave testimony that she was born and raised near Granby in Lexington District South Carolina; that she was about 12 years of age when the revolution commenced; that Fort Granby was within 3 miles of her father's house; that at the beginning of the war her brother Jacob Geiger enlisted in the regular service as a fifer and left home and continued in service until after the Battle of Eutaw Springs when he returned home; that her brother was out in actual service the whole war and received a wound at Gates Defeat at Camden; that her husband's comrades from the same neighborhood were Captain Gabriel Fridig, Captain Godfrey Dreher, Lewellen Threewits & others; that her brother settled in what is now Lexington District near Granby where he lived until his death; that his first wife died; that he then married the present Mrs. Dorothy Geiger who is now his widow in the month of January 1799 which date the deponent remembers because of the birth of her 7th child David Bell as recorded in the family record on the 15th day of January 1799; that deponent first saw her brother Jacob Geiger after the war and he was called Lieutenant Geiger. She signed her affidavit with her mark.

[p 4: In March 1855 in Richland District South Carolina, the widow aged [left blank] filed for the continuation of her pension as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. This document she signed as follows



[p 32: On October 30, 1851, Mrs. Elizabeth Bell gave further testimony stating that when her brother Jacob Geiger first entered the service he entered under Colonel William Thomson [William Thomson] and went in the capacity as a fifer and enlisted as such; "that Jonas Beard who was styled Colonel Beard was afterwards by marriage her said brother's father-in-law and that said Colonel Jonas Beard and William Arthur both lived the same neighborhood with this Deponent's brother near Granby below where Columbia now stands." She signed this affidavit with her mark.

[pp 36-37: SC Comptroller's certificate]

Comptroller Genl Office
Columbia S.C.
September 22^d 1857.

No 127
Book R. } I paid the 10 of May 1785 to Mr. Jacob
Leiger for seventy five pounds
sterling for 200 days duty in the
militia as Lieut. in 1781 and 1782 as
pr account audited.
Principal £ 75. 0. 0. Annual interest 5. 5. 0.
No 46.

No 114
No 127 Book R. Mr. Jacob Leiger his account
of 300 Militia duty as Lieut. in 1781
+ 1782 - Am'ty to £ 75. 0. 0.
The Publick of S. Carolina To Jacob Leiger Dr.
1781 To 240 days actual duty as first Lieut. @ 2.50
old Currency pr day £ 600. 0. 0.
I do certify that the above £ 600. 0. 0. -
account against the publick is just & true
(Signed) J. F. Fidelity Capt
1782 To 60 days actual duty as first Lieut. @ 2.50 old Currency
pr day £ 150. 0. 0.
I certify the above account is £ 150. 0. 0.
the figures are in just & true (Signed) J. F. Fidelity Capt

That S. Carolina

Oranphulph Deak Person appeared before
me Jacob Leiger and being duly sworn he certifies
the above acct. of three hundred days service @ 2.50
pr day is just & true & that he never received any
satisfaction for the same & that the above duty was
done in Coll. Thomson's Regt. of militia. Sworn
before me this 17th June 1786 (Signed) Jacob Leiger

(Signed) Wm. Arthur J.P. W. R. Thomson J. Col. Comd.
September 20th 1786 Gentlemen Please
to deliver to Coll. Jones Beard's Parents to the amount of
my acct. in your office and your other 4000
to the Gentlemen Commissioners
of the Treasury with
(Signed) R. H. Hampton J.P. No 46.

Received full satisfaction for the within
in an account No 127 R. Fidelity
(Signed) Jones Beard

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be true
Copies as taken from the Records in this
Office.
For Comptroller Genl.
James A. Black
Secy.

(No Seal of Office)

for her husband service as a Musician & Lieutenant in the South Carolina Continental line and militia.]

Another version:

Pension Application of Jacob Geiger, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 1061, Application # W2728

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette
Richland District, SC, July 1, 1851:

Testifying on behalf of Jacob Geiger's widow, Dorothy, Elizabeth Bell, aged 86 years:

“That she was born and raised near Granby in Lexington District in this state and near her present place of residence. That she distinctly remembers the War of the Revolution, being at its commencement, some twelve years of age. That Fort Granby was within three miles of her father's house and at the beginning of said war, her brother, Jacob Geiger enlisted in the regular service as a fifer, and of his leaving home going into service.”

“This deponent is positive and certain of her own knowledge and is also positive and certain that her said brother continued out in the American service until after the Battle at Eutaw Springs, when he returned home. That during the whole was her said brother was out in the service in the American cause, and had received a wound in his arm which he said he got at Gates Defeat at Camden. That among his comrades from the same neighborhood were Captain Gabriel Fridig, Captain Godfrey Dreher, Lewellyn Threewits and others.”

“That after the war her said brother settled in what is now Lexington District near said Granby's where he lived until his death. That his first wife having died, he married the present Mrs. Dorothy Geiger, who is now his widow in the month of January 1799...The deponent remembers the circumstances of the Reverend Mr. Dunlap's calling at this deponent's house on his return from the marriage at which he said he officiated as minister. When deponent first saw her brother, said Jacob Geiger after the war, he was called Lieutenant Geiger.”

Richland District, August 7, 1851:

Widow, Dorothy Geiger, aged 80 years: “That she is the widow of Major Jacob Geiger, deceased, who entered the army of the United States under the following circumstances and served under the following officers...:

“That her said husband Jacob Geiger, deceased, at the beginning of the war, as the deponent has been informed and believes, lived in what is now Lexington District in this state, and near Fort Granby in said district. That early in said war of the Revolution her said husband enlisted as a fifer in the regular service of wither of the regular or militia services, until after the Battle at Eutaw Springs in this state, when he returned home. That in this declarant has been informed from a reliable source and believes her said husband Jacob Geiger, deceased was out in the service during the whole war, and received a wound at Gates' Defeat near Camden in this state, in his arm. That she has heard her husband speak of his having served in said war, but as to the various battles in which he was engaged or the country through which he passed, this deponent does not now recollect. That among his comrades were Captain Godfrey Dreher, Captain Gabriel Fridig, with whom he served and Lewellyn Threewits. In this the deponent has been informed and believes that she is not in possession of any of her husband's war papers such as discharge, etc. That she has reason to believe that during the year near the close of the war her said husband was a Lieutenant under said Captain Gabriel Fridig who lived in said District of

Lexington...”

October 13, 1851:

Elizabeth Bell, sister of Jacob Geiger: “She now further testifies that when her said brother first entered the service under Colonel William Thompson, he went in the capacity of a fifer and enlisted as such. That Jonas Beard who was styled Colonel Beard was afterwards, by marriage, her brother’s father-in-law, and that said Colonel Jonas Beard and William Arthur both lived in the same neighborhood with this deponent’s brother near Granby, below where Columbia now stands.”

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Jacob Geiger pp5
Audited Account No. 2752
Transcribed by Will Graves 5/13/21

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No. 127 Book R

Mr. Jacob Geiger his Account of 300 days Militia Duty as Lieutenant in 1781 & 1782
Amounting to £75 Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The public of South Carolina [Debtor]
to Jacob Geiger


1781 To 240 Days actual duty as 1st Lieutenant at 45/[45 shillings]
old Currency per day £540

I do Certify that the above account against the figure £5 is Just & true
S/ Ga. Fridig Capt.



1782 To 60 Days actual duty as 1st Lieutenant at 45/old Currency
per day £135

I do Certify that the account against the figure one is Just & true
S/ Ga. Fridig Capt.



300 Days

5£ Stg.

State of South Carolina
Orangeburg District

⁸ 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.

Personally came before me Jacob Geiger & being duly Sworn saith the above Account of 300 days Service at 45/per Day is Just & true & that he never received any satisfaction for the same & that the above duty was done and Colonel Thomson's [William Russell Thomson, Lt. Col.] Regiment of Militia

Sworn before me this 17th June 1784

S/ William Arthur, JP

S/ Jacob Geiger

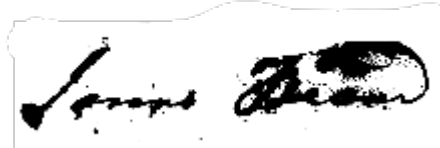
S/ W R Thomson, Lt. Col. Com'd

Handwritten signatures of Jacob Geiger and W. R. Thomson. The signature of Jacob Geiger is written in a cursive script, and the signature of W. R. Thomson is written below it.

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Received ___ full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 120 7R per order

S/ Jonas Beard

Handwritten signature of Jonas Beard in a cursive script.

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September 20th 1786

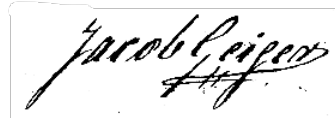
Gentlemen

Please to deliver to Colonel Jonas Beard Indents to the Amount of my Account in your Office & you'l oblige your Most

Obedient Humble

Servant

S/ Jacob Geiger

Handwritten signature of Jacob Geiger in a cursive script.

No. 44

To the Gentlemen

Commissioners of the Treasury

Witness

S/ R Hamilton, JP