

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Liddell W7698

Elizabeth Haney<sup>1</sup>

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County} On this twenty third day of January 1843 Personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth Haney a resident of said State & County aged Seventy eight (78) years, who being first sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the 23rd of August 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War -- That she is the widow of Moses Liddell who was a Captain in the Militia of the State of South Carolina. That she was acquainted with her late husband Moses Liddell from her first recollection their families residing within two miles of each other. That she knows that her said husband turned out as a Whig at the commencement of hostilities in South Carolina, and that until the close of the Revolutionary war was almost in constant service except when sick or disabled by a wound. That she cannot now recollect all the tours or campaigns he was in or the battles he was engaged in, but recollects that in 1776 he was engaged in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians<sup>2</sup> and while in advance of the Army as a spy he received a severe wound from Indians lying in ambush. She was in the Fort where he lay some time with his wounds. This expedition was conducted by Col. Williamson [Andrew Williamson], Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] then Major, & her said husband being a long time confined by this wound she does not recollect any particular service rendered by him until the Florida expedition which she believes took place in the year 1778,<sup>3</sup> when he was engaged in that expedition as a Lieutenant James McCall Captain. After the return of the Army which had been gone all summer her said husband had a severe spell of sickness and that after his recovery he was appointed a Captain and served as such without any intermission until the close of the war. That being a young man unencumbered with a family he was constantly in service and that she understood at the time that he was engaged in several scrimmages and Battles, but does not now recollect the time and places at which they all occurred. She recollects that he was stationed with his company for some time in the neighborhood she lived in at Alexander's Mill in Abbeville District South Carolina to watch the movements of the Tories and to prevent the incursion of the Indians into the settlement (that

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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

<sup>3</sup> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer] See, also: John Houstoun and the 1778 Expedition to East Florida <https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/12/john-houstoun-1778-expedition-east-florida/>

being a frontier Post) when as she understood the Tories and Indians attempted to surprise them, but were themselves surprised by him and his company and defeated.<sup>4</sup> This happened in the early part of 1781. She knows also that he commanded a company the campaign during which was fought the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781].<sup>5</sup> That her brother Andrew Johnson was his Lieutenant, and that in that battle her said brother received a mortal wound of which he shortly afterwards died, but not until after he was brought into the neighborhood. She saw him buried her said husband remaining with his company at that time with the Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene].

She also declares that she was married to the said Moses Liddell on the 16th day of September 1784 in Abbeville District South Carolina by the Reverend John Harris a Presbyterian Minister and at the house of James Alexander. That her husband the aforesaid Moses Liddell died on the 2nd day of August 1802. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated -- She further declares that after the death of the husband the aforesaid, she was married to Thomas Haney, on the 15th day of 1814. That he died on the second day of June 1821 and that she is still a widow.

S/ Elizabeth Haney, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before

S/ Richard [illegible], JIC

S/ Samuel C. Dunlap, JIC

S/ Samuel F. Alexander, JIC

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County} On this twenty third day of January 1843 Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of the Inferior Court of Gwinnett County State of Georgia Ruth Liddell aged Eighty years and resident in said State & County who being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that she was well acquainted with Captain Moses Liddell and with Elizabeth Haney who is now present before her and that the said Elizabeth Haney before her marriage with Moses Liddell was named Elizabeth Johnson and also that in the fall of the year 1784 she was at the house of Andrew Liddell where Elizabeth Johnson then lived and that she understood that Moses Liddell and Elizabeth Johnson now Elizabeth Haney had started to meet the Minister a Reverend Mr. Harris to get married but that she [affiant] was compelled to return home to attend to a sick man and did not see them return, but understood from those that accompanied them that they were married. That she knew them ever since until the death of Moses Liddell and that they lived together as man and wife until then. She knew nothing of the services of said Moses Liddell she having resided in the new settlements of Tennessee until after the close of the war and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Samuel F. Alexander, JIC

S/ Ruth X Liddell

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Georgia Gwinnett County} On this twenty third day of January 1843 Personally appeared before

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<sup>4</sup> This MAY be a reference to the action at Beattie's Mill on March 23, 1781,

[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_beatties\\_mill.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_beatties_mill.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

me the subscribing Justice of the Inferior Court of the County of Gwinnett & State aforesaid, Mary Harris, aged about Eighty four years and resident in said County and being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that during the revolutionary war she resided with her father in Abbeville District South Carolina not far distant from the residence of the Father of Captain Moses Liddell and was well acquainted with the said Moses Liddell. That she well recollects that early in the war said Moses Liddell received a severe wound while acting as a spy this happened she believes in 1776. That her mother was a nurse in Pickens fort where the said Moses Liddell lay with his wound where she frequently aided her mother in dressing his wound. That afterward the said Moses Liddell was engaged in the Florida expedition which started early in the spring and returned in the fall of 1778, and that after his return he had a severe spell of sickness which caused his wound to inflame when she and her mother again nursed him and dressed his wound. That after his recovery he was appointed a Captain of the Militia and as such remained until the close of the war. She believes that she knows no man either officer or soldier that was more constantly in service yet her memory having to some extent failed, she cannot specify any particular Battle he was in but understood that he was in several. She does recollect that he commanded a company posted at Alexander's Mill where he had a battle with the Tories and Indians. She was on the ground next day and seen one dead man a Tory. The Tories was defeated further she recollects not.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day & year above written in presence of  
S/ Samuel F. Alexander, JIC

Mary X Harris

[p 14: certificate dated April eight, 1843 on the South Carolina Comptroller's office showing payments made to Moses Liddell as Lieutenant, Captain & Colonel in the militia in 1780 & 1781; and to him as Captain & Lieutenant per his pay bill in the same years.]

[p 19: Very faint letter dated April 12, 1843 written by James Liddell in which he appears to make reference to "my mother" in regard to the above applicant.]

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State of Georgia Gwinnett County} on this fifth day of October 1848 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth Haney a resident of Gwinnett County State aforesaid aged eighty four years, who being first 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 on the second of February 1848 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war -- that she is the widow of Moses Liddell who was a Major in the war of the revolution and as such widow received under the act of 17 June 1844 and annual pension of \$424.16 -- that she has not intermarried but continues to be the widow of the said Major Moses Liddell deceased.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before us

S/ Moses Liddell

S/ Elizabeth Haney, X her mark

S/ Thom Maltbie, JIC

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South Carolina Abbeville District: On this 5<sup>th</sup> [could be 6<sup>th</sup>] day of March 1843 personally

appeared before me the subscribing Magistrate in and for said District Joseph Lesley<sup>6</sup> a citizen of said State and District aged about eighty years who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Capt. Moses Liddell for some time previous to the close of the revolutionary war that he had resided for several years in the same State & District where the said Moses Liddell also resided and commanded a company. That in the years after the Battle at the Eutaw Springs and previous to the evacuation of Charleston [Charleston was evacuated in December 1782] by the British he served two tours of duty under the said Capt. Moses Liddell, one commencing in the beginning of April in that year and the latter returning after the end of August -- one of these tours was under Major Noble [Alexander Noble]. The other under Genl. Pickens. Each of these tours we joined Genl. Greene in the neighborhood of Charleston South Carolina and remained in his camp one month each time. That although he this deponent did not live in the same Company after the last mentioned tours yet he knows that the said Moses Liddell remained as a Captain until the close of the War and was much esteemed as such.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year written before.

S/ J. H. Baskin, Magt.

S/ Joseph Lesley, E his mark

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Georgia Floyd County} On this 30th day of January 1843 Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Justice of Inferior Court for the County of Floyd and State aforesaid James Liddell of said State and County aged fifty four years and after being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that while living with his mother in Pendleton District South Carolina previous to the year 1814 he had frequently seen in a large case in which was a number of old papers, principally consisting of correspondence between his father Moses Liddell and others held during the Revolutionary War, several letters, at least four in number, signed by Genl. Andrew Pickens and directed to Moses Liddell as Captain who it seemed from the tenor of said letters, was at their several dates detached with his Company from the Army and stationed at out posts for the purpose [of] guarding the frontier of South Carolina and to watch the movements of the Tories. That he has no distinct recollection of any particular posts mentioned in those letters with the exception of one at Alexander's Mills in Abbeville District South Carolina a place with which from his youth he had been intimately acquainted. That a few days ago he visited his mother who resides in Gwinnett County and inquired for the case containing those letters and was informed by his mother that some 15 years ago while living in Franklin County Georgia the case happening to be left on the hearth near one of the chimneys had taken fire and consumed with its contents. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written

S/ N. Yarborough, JIC

S/ James Liddell



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South Carolina Abbeville District} On this sixth day of March 1843 Personally appeared before

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<sup>6</sup> I could not find a veteran by this (or any similar) name in the federal pension files who claimed service in South Carolina. [Thomas Lesly W381](#), however, did claim to have served under Capt. Thomas Liddell.

me the subscribing Justice of the Peace in and for said District, John Liddell a Citizen of the same aged about seventy five years and after being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he was from his first recollection acquainted with Capt. Moses Liddell he being his brother and also with Elizabeth Johnson who is now making application as the widow of said Moses Liddell under the name of Elizabeth Hany. That he was at the marriage of the said Moses Liddell with the said Elizabeth Johnson which happened as well as he recollects in the fall of the year 1784. That the said Moses Liddell died about the year 1802 and his widow afterwards married a certain Thomas Haney who has since died as he has been informed and believes. That although too young to do any service in the Revolutionary war yet he was old enough to recollect many of its incidents and that his brother Moses was a Captain and in the Service for some two years previous to the close of said War.

S/ John Liddell



[Veteran's widow was granted a pension of \$424.16 per annum for her husband service as a Lieutenant and Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to Moses Liddell  
Audited Account No. 4571

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[No.] 173 [Book] P

No. 36

Book P

Mr. Moses Liddell his Account of Duty in the militia as Capt. & Lieut. per his pay Bill in 1780 and 1781 Amounting to Viz. on Horse

as Captain 457 days at 70/<sup>8</sup> £[illegible] [1599.10]

as Lieutenant 75 days at 45/<sup>9</sup> [illegible] [168.15]

Duty per Col. Anderson's

[Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] £1564

[old South Carolina] Currency £3322.5

Stg. [Sterling] £474.12.1 ½

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury Four hundred & Seventy four Pounds 12/1 ½ full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 173 Book P by Virtue of an order

£474.12.1

S Felix Warley

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 70 shillings old South Carolina currency per day

<sup>9</sup> 45 shillings old South Carolina currency per day

*Felix Warley*

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above except in a slightly different format.]

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Sir

Please to deliver to Felix Warley, when the Account of James & Jarret Liddell [sic Jared Liddell] & my own or Audited, Certificates for the Amount thereof & you'l oblige

Sir Your Most Humble Servant

S/ Moses Liddell

To

James McCall Esquire

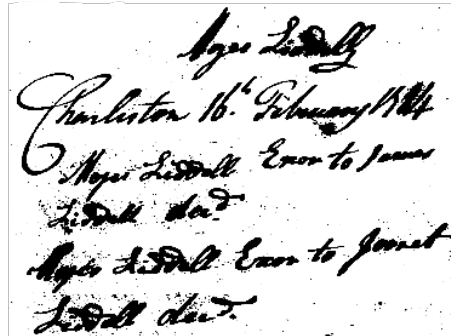
Auditor Genl.

Charleston

Charleston 16<sup>th</sup> February 1784

Moses Liddell Executor to James Liddell deceased

Moses Liddell Executor to Jarret Liddell deceased



*Moses Liddell*  
*Charleston 16<sup>th</sup> February 1784*  
*Moses Liddell Executor to James*  
*Liddell deceased*  
*Moses Liddell Executor to Jarret*  
*Liddell deceased*

[p 6: Printed form of indent No. 173 Book P]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing only the endorsements of Felix Warley 1 of which reads "Received 19<sup>th</sup> April 1785, the Contents in full by discount on George Liddell's Bond."]