

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Charles Littleton W8255

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

The state of Alabama Lauderdale County S.S.

On this 4th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Dennis W. House an acting Justice of the peace for said county Charles Littleton aged about Seventy three years a resident citizen of said state and county who Being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. that he entered in the Army of the united States in the year 1776 [sic] as near as he recollects in the State of South Carolina and under the following circumstances viz "The Torries were embodied on ready River [sic: Reedy River in Greenville County SC], on the Indian land, and for the purpose of dislodging them he was drafted for a three months Tour, they Torries were dispersed with but little Trouble - he was in the company commanded by Captain [William] Gordon in the Regiment commanded by Col John Lile [sic: John Lisle] he served out the three months - the detachment was commanded by Genl. [Richard] Richardson. the Tour was general caled the Snow Campaign [8 - 30 Dec 1775]. he was discharged By his capt Gordon He had returned home but a very short Time when they Torris were embodied again in Georgia. men were caled for he volunteered, joined the Army who went in pursuit, the Torries made their escape to Sait Augustine [sic: Saint Augustine]; the were pursued as far as Sait Mary's River [sic: Saint Marys River] - finding it impracticable To over Take the Torries they returned. he was in this campaign under Capt. Gordon Col Lile's Regiment. the Expedition was commanded by General [Andrew] Williamson next he was marched to Augusta the Brittish having possession of said place. the American Army was again discharged and returned home.

He was then caled into service to repulse the Brittish at Stone and was in the attack on that place [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779]. under the same officers as before. the Americans were repulsed. from there they were marched Back; [illegible word] remained a Short Time at home until the Brittish took Charleston [12 May 1780] he was again caled into Service in order to repulse the Enimi and were unable to Effect their object he was there under the same officers at that Time except the General in this expedition Genl [Andrew] Pickens commanded. They were then marched towards Camdem [sic: Camden SC], where they Torries & Brittish had collected in large bodies. General Pickens finding himself unable to contend with the Enemy the Army was ordered to disperse & make the Best of their way to Save themselves. he arrived at home staid one night —

a part of the company collected & marched towards North Carolina where they were joined by part of their officers & were there placed under Capt John Lile - James Lile [sic: James Lisle] was Elected a Col — General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] commanded. under these officers he served during the Ballace of the war —

He was at the Battle of Rocky Mount [SC] which Took place on Sunday [30 Jul 1780] - and on the next Sunday at the Battle of Hanging Rock [6 Aug] — from there they were marched down To take possession of the Ferry at Camdem remained there four days. [Gen. Horatio] Gates was then defeated [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug] — they then retreated to the Catawba River

On the Second day after Gates defeat, Col Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] pursued Sumpter and they Americans were defeated at Fishing Creek & they American Army dispersed. The Troops again collected in Charlotte in north Carolina on the third day after the defeat under same officers they Army reassembled at the fish dam on broad River from there they were marched to blackStock on Tiger River [sic: Blackstock's Plantation on Tyger River]. and was in the engagement at that place against Tarlton [20 Nov 1780]. Genl Sumpter was there wounded. from there they were marched to Iron Works on Lawson fork [Lawsons Fork Creek near present Spartanburg] & were under General Pickens. he was then marched under Col Liles to the Cowpens and was in the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] The Regiment to which he belonged were ordered to Remain on the field of Battle in Charge of dead and wounded — from there he was marched To Earles Station [E of Tryon NC] on the frontier against the Indians and

remained at that place and the neighbouring Country for two years untill peace was made with the Brittish & Indians.

He cannot state the precise Time he was in the Service of the united States having been a volunteer the whole Term except the first three months. But is Satisfied he served altogether as much as seven years against the British Indians & Torries. from the situation of the Torries & which during the war in Carolina It was imposible for a whig to remain at home with any kind of Safety & Being a young man he was nearly the whole Time in actual Service.

He states that he received discharges for nearly all his Tours carried them with him home was only a short Time at home when a company of out lying Torris (in Edistoe's Swamp [sic: Edisto Swamp]) Being much exasperated against him assembled and Burned all his papers & he was with difficulty able to elude them. they discharges wer Burned & so were all his other papers among which was a deed for a tract of land near (the now city of Washington) containing 150 acres caled Sarrah's delight. his deed being burned he came to the conclusion his Title was lost & as such never has yet asserted at law his right for said land

To the first interogatory to him propounded he says he cannot But thinks [he was born] about the year 1760 in Virginia Frederick County.

to the Second he answers the record of his age was Burned By the Torries with all his other papers.

To the third he was living - he was living in South Carolina when caled into service in the district called 96 [Ninety-Six] — from there he removed to Tennessee Sumner county, remained there three years. from there he removed to Giles County Tennessee remained there 12 years. from there to Lauderdale county Alabama where he has resided for the last Ten years & resides there at this Time.

To the 4th 5th & 6. he refers to his narative

To 7th he refers to John Swearingim, Thomas Dunut[?] Stephen Loary, Richard Darby, Phillip Darby and and Dr [first name illegible] D'ealicat[?].

He hereby relinquishes ever claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares his name is not on the agency of any state of the united states.

He does not know of any Living Witness within his reach by whom he could prove his services except John Gordon [son of Capt. William Gordon] who Resides in the State of Tennessee & whose afidavit is herewith Transmitted marked A he suppose was he able by riding into Carolina & the Southern part of Alabama he could procure other living Testimony. But does not know who. but his health is so bad & he is so old that he very seldom is able to Leave Home —

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness within his reach by whom he can prove his services except John Gordon who resided In Tennessee and whos afidavit is herewith annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 15th day of June 1833. [signed] Charles Littleton

NOTE: On 5 Jun 1850 Elizabeth Littleton, 80, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Henderson she was married to Charles Littleton by a Baptist minister in Newberry County SC in Aug 1795. A note on the pension certificate states that Littleton died 29 Mar 1848. Elizabeth Littleton also stated that she had the following children before 1800: Sarah Estes Littleton and David Lee Littleton. On 24 Jun 1856 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as 85. With her pension application she submitted a family record said to have been written by her husband and transcribed as follows

John Narquis[?] [page torn] his Bible Father of[?] [page torn] 1802 he was born august 24 Day

Sarah Eastes Littleton Was born March 6th 1797

David Lee Littleton Was born December 21st Day 1798

Peter Boazeman Was born November 18th Day 1800

Samuel Holbrooks Littleton Was born June 13th Day 1803

Peter Brazzaman Littleton Was born in the year of our lord november the 18 1800

Peter B. Littleton

Rubin S. Littleton Nancy H. C. Littleton

Mary M. Littleton

John M. Littleton his hand and pen. Dates[?] by me [illegible word]

Addendum to Charles Littleton W8255

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Charles Littleton
Audited Account No. 4619

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Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

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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 'indcipherable' 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 8th 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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[No. 1214 Book X 17 December 1785 No. 90]

Charles Littleton for 365 days Duty as Private Horseman in Capt. John Liles' Company from 1st June 1780 to 1st June 1781 Inclusive, and 124 days Do in same capacity in Capt. Henry Liles' Company from 1st June to 31st September 1781 also for 149 days Do in Capt. Edward Kelly's Company from 1st October 1781 to 26 February 1782 inclusive – the whole in Col. Waters's [Philemon Waters'] Regiment and Charged

[old South Carolina] Currency	£638
deduct less in 2 nd charge	<u>3</u>
	£365

Stg. [Sterling] £90.14.3 ¼

Ex^d J. E. [Examined by J. E. [identity unknown]]

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

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No. 90

Charles Littleton
4 638 days Duty as

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The State of South Carolina to Charles Littleton
To 365 days duty done as Horseman
from 1st June 1780 to 1st June 1781, both
days included as per Capt. John Liles
Pay Bill, Certified by Lieut. Colonel
John Lindsay [sic John Lindsey] at 20/ [20 shillings
old South Carolina currency per day]
less 3 days To 124 days Ditto as Horseman from June 1st to the

Dr.

£365

¹ 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.

31 Sept. 1781 per Capt. Henry Liles
Pay Bill, certified by Lt. Col. John Lindsay
To 149 days duty as Horseman from
the 1st October 1781 to the 26th February
1782 both days included – per Capt.
Edward Kelley's Pay Bill, Certified by
Lieut. Col. John Lindsay

124

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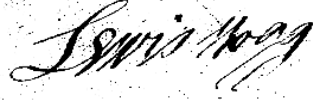
£365

Stg. 90.14.3 ¼

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Rec'd 19th December 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within in an indent No. 1214 = X, for Chas. Littleton by an order

S/ Lewis Hogg

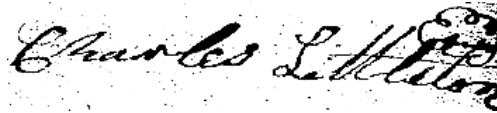


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Newberry County
in 96 District } Gentlemen

Please Send me by Capt. Lewis Hogg my Indent with the Interest for the year 1784 & you'l Oblige Your &c. – Given under my hand & Seal this 7th of July 1785

S/ Charles Littleton {Seal}



Messrs Blake & Boquet
Commissioners of the Treasury of this State.

Ninety Six District

May the 4th 1786 } Gentlemen Please to send by the bearer Capt. Lewis Hogg my Indents & you'l Oblige Your &c.

S/ Charles Littleton



To the Commissioners
of the Treasury of this State