

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cockrill (Cockrell) S39349

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State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared William Cockral [sic] of said District and being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was enlisted by Captain David Hopkins in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina continentals commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson], that he enlisted sometime in the latter end of the year 1777 & was to serve three years; that he continued in the service in the same company & Regiment (although the company was after Captain Hopkins left the service commanded by Captain John Smith) till the fall of Charleston, where he the deponent was taken prisoner, & put on board a prison ship for about eleven months; and was then sent with other prisoners to the Island of Jamaica where he was kept a prisoner to the end of the war. Was then turned at liberty on the Island to get home as he could, that it was several years before he could get the opportunity of returning. That all the prisoners of his acquaintance died on the Island, except one, a Mr. Esom Franklin who returned sometime after to Chester district & is since dead. That he the Deponent had about six months to serve when the Town fell that he never received but a very small portion of his pay, nor was it possible for him to get a discharge. And that from his reduced circumstances in life, is in need of assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me this 16th of July 1818

S/ Langdon Cheves, one of the Associate Justices
of the Court of Common Pleas of State of SC

S/ William Cockral¹, X his mark

Captain John Smith of Fairfield District appeared & being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with the within deponent William Cockral, was with him in the service in the same Regiment, & was both taken prisoners together at the fall of Charleston and was sent on board the same prison ship, *Esk* [*Eske*], together for some time.

Sworn to before me July 16th 1818

S/ James Elliot, QU

S/ Jno Smith



State of South Carolina Chester District: In the Court of Equity in on this 14th day of June A.D. 1821 –

¹ The signature is written over and consequently impossible to decipher, so I have spelled it as it was spelled by the scribe in the text.

Personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the district and State aforesaid William Cockrill aged sixty-four years on the 13th day of December next resident in said State of South Carolina in District of Chester, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted in the month of March 1777 in the third Regiment South Carolina Continentals commanded by Colonel William Thompson in Captain David Hopkins' Company for three years, and served faithfully until the fall of Charleston he was taken Prisoner and was carried to Jamaica where he remained a prisoner until the close of the war as will more fully appear from the Certificates forwarded to the War Department and that he has received a pension Certificate dated the 5th day of March 1819 and to commence the 16th day of July 1818 and received his pension up to the 4th March 1820.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, and that I am by occupation a farmer and that from old age and the infirmities attendant there on and living on rented land and unable to pursue manual labor so as to sufficiently support myself and wife nor is there any person from whom I can expect any assistance or support, and to consider myself in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the aid of my country

Sworn to and declared on this 14th day of June A.D. 1821

S/ G. W. Goore, CECD

S/ William Cockrill, X his mark

He Schedule of the property of William Cockrill this 4th day of June 1831 in compliance with the act of Congress of the first of Me 1820 in order to continue his pension from the United States (Bedding and wearing apparel only accepted (viz.)

1 Lot crockery ware	\$2.50	amt. brot up	\$177.50
2 Head Horse beasts	85.00	4 yearling cattle	12.00
11 Head of hogs	45.00	Pots ovens & water vessels	9.00
2 Cows & calf	20.00	1 weavers Loom	5.00
1 Lot Pewter	2.00	1 woman's saddle	5.00
1 wheel Trunk & table	12.00	1 Mares saddle	1.00
11 Head of Geese	5.00	3 pair old cotton cards	1.00
12 head of ducks	3.00	20 Head pigs	<u>14.50</u>
12 dunghill fowls	1.50		\$225.00
4 Turkeys	<u>1.50</u>		
	\$177.50		

South Carolina Chester District: I do hereby certify that while I was Captain in the 3rd Continental Regiment of this State commanded by Colonel William Thompson in support of the Revolutionary war against Great Britain, I enlisted William Cockrell as a private Soldier into said Regiment wherein he served in my company and that to the best of my recollection I enlisted him for three years, and that I do believe that the pay of a private Soldiers in said Regiment was twenty pounds former currency of this State per month, and that the said William

Cockrell faithfully performed his duty in said Regiment until the surrender of Charleston, at which time I believe he was taken prisoner with General Lincoln. Certified under my hand this 23rd of November 1815

S/ E. Lyles, Q. U.

S/ Dd Hopkins²



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 16, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to William Cockral-Cockrell
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1330A

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Petition William Cockrel praying compensation for Services in the Revolutionary war
Claims

N. 4 Referred to Comptroller General to report specifically thereon

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

The petition of your petitioner humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner enlisted in the third Regiment of South Carolina for three years under the command of Colonel William Thompson and that he did serve out the term of his enlistment – as a soldier. That he was regularly discharged from said Regiment which will more fully appear by the Muster and payroll entries of John Hague paymaster to the said Regiment and your Petitioner being entirely illiterate and living in a remote part of this State and never knew of any provision made for soldiers until they were barred by the laws of Congress And as your petitioner has never received anything in payment and frequently (of late) hearing that your Honorable House has paid the claims of your old war worn Soldiers therefore submit his claim to your wise consideration praying that you will grant him such compensation as are due for his services. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.



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State of South Carolina Chester District } Personally appeared John Stone Senior, William Stone Senior, and Moses Stone Senior, before me the subscribing Justice of the peace for said District,

² [David Hopkins BLWt2216-300](#). Bobby Gilmer Moss notes in his SC Patriots, that Hopkins died in 1816 (no source is noted).

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) 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.

and made oath that they saw William Cockrill [sic] Senior as a regular enlisted soldier, in the service of the United States, and that they have Just reason to believe, and do believe that he was enlisted in the service aforesaid, as one of the said deponents, John Stone, was then in Camp as a Militia Man; under Colonel John Winn, and that the [sic, they] encamped together, them and the regular soldiers for some time at Purisburg [Purrysburg], and that from causes [?] on fame, or report, he was certainly enlisted in the regular service aforesaid – And it will appear further by the certificate of Colonel David Hopkins, who was Captain in the third Regiment of the South Carolina Troops Commanded by Colonel William Thompson, that he the said David Hopkins was the said Cocrill's [sic] Captain who enlisted him.

Sworn to, and subscribed before me this 13th day of December 1814

S/ Henry Head, JP

S/ John Stone, Senior, X his mark

S/ William Stone Senior, X his mark

S/ Moses Stone Senior, X his mark

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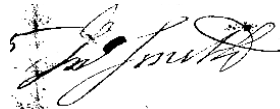
South Carolina Fairfield District} Personally came John Smith⁴ and on his oath saith that he was a regular soldier in Colonel William Thompson's Regiment of Rangers and that there was a certain William Cockrel a private Soldier belonging to said Regiment and at the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] he this deponent and the said Cockrell were taken prisoners and Put on board a prison ship and that he left the said Cockrell Close in confinement on board the said Ship on the 15 day of February after the Surrender of Charleston.

Sworn to April 18th 1815

before me

S/ Jno Woodward, J.Q.U.

S/ Jno Smith



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State of South Carolina Chester District} Personally appeared William Cockrill [sic] before me the subscribing Justice of Peace for said District, and made oath that he in the Spring of the year, in the year 1775 enlisted as a private Soldier, in the United States service, in Captain David Hopkins' Company, & under said Captain David Hopkins, in the third Regiment of the South Carolina Troops commanded by Colonel William Thompson, and that he continued in said service until the fall of Charleston, & was then and there taken prisoner by the British, and retained as a prisoner on Board of a Man of War Ship, for eleven months and four days, and was then sent as a prisoner of war to Jamaica, and kept there as such, until peace was concluded with Great Britain & the United States of America, and this deponent further saith, that he has never received any compensation for his said services as aforesaid, neither directly, no indirectly, neither by discount, nor otherwise, neither has he assigned his claim to any person, or persons whatever &c

Sworn to, and subscribed before me this 10th day of November 1815

S/ Hezh. Donald, JQ

S/ William Cockrill, X his mark

⁴ [S32526 John Smith](#)

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of William Cockrell respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner enlisted in the Revolutionary war in the third Regiment of South Carolina for three years under the command of Colonel William Thompson and served out the said term. That your petitioner being illiterate and residing in a remote part of this State and of course not acquiring the necessary information as to claims has therefore been prevented in making such application for redress as he otherwise would have done. Your petitioner is really poor, with a large and helpless family. Confiding in the Justice of his Country, he therefore prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and grant to him such compensation as are due for his services. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ William Cockrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Cockrell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ William Cockrell".