

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Drury Harris SC2077 AA14

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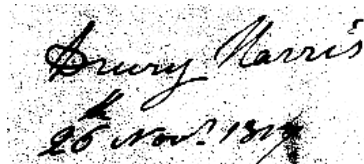
18 Petition of Drury Harris praying to be placed on the pension list &c
“pensions”

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The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable President and members of the Senate of the state of South Carolina,
The Humble petition of Drury Harris a resident in the District of Richland and state aforesaid,
Sheweth that he was an enlisted Soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the third Regiment of the
state of South Carolina him by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson], and received
two wounds in the battle of Savannah,² which now he is growing old renders him unable to make
a support for himself & family, your humble petitioner further state that as long as he was able to
labor for the support of himself and family he did not call on the Public for Assistance but he is
now about Sixty Eight Years old and of course must grow more infirm, therefore humbly prays
that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and place him on the Pension list
and allow him some arrears of Pension or such other relief as your Honorable [body] may think
fit – and your petitioner will ever pray

S/ Drury Harris
26th November 1817

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Drury Harris" followed by the date "26 Nov 1817". The ink is dark and the paper shows some texture and slight discoloration.

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¹ 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. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² Presumably a reference to the Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779
<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

South Carolina Richland District} Personally appeared Before me John Marshall one of the Justices Assigned to keep the peace in and for the District aforesaid, Drury Harris, who made Oath that he served in the Revolutionary War, in the Regiment of Colonel William Thompson, and in the Company of Captain George Little [George Liddell] In which Service he received two wounds, one in the Arm & the other in the Thigh, whereby he is much disabled at this time – Also that he had served under Captain Rich Browne [Richard Brown] – Sworn to before me this 11th November 1817
S/ John Marshel, JP S/ Drury Harris, X his mark

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North Carolina Anson County}

Drury Harris wrote to me for his Recommendation of his Conduct and behavior whilst he was in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina, in our first Revolutionary war, I John Davis do certify this, who was a Soldier in the Regiment and Company that Drury Harris belong[ed] to who was first Sergeant also was Sergeant of the Platoon, that Drury Harris belong[ed] to, in the fight at Savanna I saw no man, officer nor private more Activer [sic] nor braver than Drury Harris who also Seeing and Knowing him, to receive two wounds, a shot wound in the thigh, and a bayonet in the arm, in trying to Seal the walls of his Enemy, which I will say, now he is old, of course not able to Labor hard, if there is any old Soldier Deserves any assistance from the Public Drury Harris does.

S/ John Davis



State of South Carolina Richland District} Personally appeared Gidden Griffin³ before me M. Patterson one of the Justices of the peace in and for the District aforesaid and makes oath that he is well acquainted with Drury Harris and that he knew him to be a listed Soldier in the last Revolutionary war and that he knew him the said Harris to get wounded at the battle of Savannah and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to before me this 20th day of January 1815

S/ M. Patterson, JP

S/ Gidden Griffin, X his mark

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Richland District} I hereby Certify that Drury Harris Served as an Enlisted Soldier in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Commanded by Colonel William Thompson that I knew him to be as such.

S/ Rich'd Brown, formally
Captain in said Regiment



³ Sic, [Gideon Griffin W8877](#)

Benjamin Carter⁴ maketh Oath before me that he was a Private Soldier in the 3rd Regiment of this State & that he Served in Company with Drury Harris, and that he was at the Battle of Savannah when the said Drury Harris got wounded.

Sworn to Before Me

this 21st January 1817

S/ Richard Brown, Q. U.

S/ Benjamin Carter, B his mark

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December 5, 1817

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Drury Harris praying to be placed on the pension list

Report – that they have had the same under Consideration and recommend that the said Drury Harris be placed on the pension list and allowed the sum of sixty dollars per annum during life and five pounds Sterling for 5 years in arrears of pension

[Note: Receipts in the file indicate payment of the annuity through February 6, 1834.]

⁴ [Benjamin Carter SC1224](#)