

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Samuel Douglass SC2428
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Wm Hort Esqr. Sir,

Please to deliver to Doctor John Roan all the Indents belonging to me in your office, which have not been drawn, for Militia duty done in ye Army, under General Marion [Francis Marion]

I am yours &c

26 June 1792

To Wm Hort Esqr. Treasurer

S/ Samuel Dougless [sic]

Done in Charleston June 30, 1792

Williamsburgh County }
Order in my Presence

I do certify that Samuel Dougless signed his name to the above

S/ R. Witherspoon, JP²

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Petition of Samuel Douglass praying to be placed on the Pension List

~~Stands over for further proof~~ – again taken up, and on reconsideration, that the prayer be granted as supported by Mr. Graham & Mr. Wilson

~~Salter~~

& Mr. Graham of Senate – and Mr. Wilson of the house

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The State of South Carolina

Williamsburgh District }

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the house of Representatives

The petition of Samuel Douglass Sheweth

That Your petitioner is one of the Surviving Soldiers of the revolution of 1776 and has now arrived at the advanced age of 74 years. In order to bring his case to the wise and proper consideration of the Legislature of the State, your petitioner will attempt to point out his

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 Notwithstanding the attestation by the Justice of the peace, the handwriting of this document is uniform and indicates to me that it is a copy and not the original of the document in question.

Services and the term of his Services in that important Struggle and thereby to Show the propriety of his calling on the State for aid and assistance. He respectfully represents, – that at the age of Sixteen, he was enrolled in the militia company of Kingstree in the district of Williamsburgh and commenced his Services under the command of Captain James Witherspoon who was then its commander. Under this officer your petitioner was present at the Second encounter at George Town [Georgetown]³ Commanded by the Same officer, Your petitioner fought at the capture of Scott’s Lake [sic, Fort Watson: April 16-23, 1781]⁴ and at the battle of Eutaw-Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781].⁵ Your petitioner served or was kept in Service three years from the time of his enrollment to the end of the War, commanded by Captain James Witherspoon. These facts your petitioner will vouch by his own oath and by Statements from persons who served as Soldiers during the same period.⁶ Your Petitioner would not, at this late period, call on the liberality of his country, were he not compelled by in perilous necessity to do so. Heretofore he possessed the means by which he was enabled to support himself and to rear a large family, but having lately lost them, he can depend on nothing Except his own exertions. In addition to which facts, Your petitioner begs leave to State, that not only his great age and the debility consequent on it, but a late attack of the palsy, render him wholly unfit for bodily exertion. While he possessed the means of subsistence your petitioner deemed an application of this kind improper; but lost them, he thinks it his duty to make it. Trusting in the justice of his case, in the propriety of his application and the gratitude and liberality of his country Your petitioner hopes and humbly prays, that a Sum may be annually appropriated for the support of his few remaining Years, as May appear proper and wise to your Honorable body. The facts contained in the petition subscribed by him, Your petitioner has hereby Sworn to. And Your petitioner will ever pray –

State of South Carolina

Williamsburgh District} Personally appeared Samuel Douglass who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth & saith, that the services stated in the above petition was performed and that he never received any compensation for the same, and that his present disability and poverty as stated in the said petition are also correct and true –

Sworn to & subscribed

Before me this 24 November 1825

S/ ? Oliver, JP

S/ Samuel Douglass

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Douglass". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century.

[Note: all of the remaining documents in this file relate to the administration of an annuity paid to the veteran from March 17, 1826 until March 28, 1839. Presumably the veteran died on or before that date.]

³ It is not possible to determine from this reference to which of the numerous actions near and around Georgetown the veteran is naming. If interested, a researcher might refer to https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm for possible suggestions.

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁶ Unfortunately, this file contains no supporting affidavits by fellow veterans.

⁷ the veteran's signature as “Samuel Douglass” appears numerous times throughout this file.