

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Benjamin Hicks SC3847  
Audited Account No. 3583

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[Note: This claimant does not include a claim for military service. The provisions for which the claimant seeks reimbursement, however, resulted in a receipt or receipts which contain important information as to troop movements, locations and/or timing. Although its failure to include a claim for military service would ordinarily exclude this claim from inclusion in this database, it is thought that the information contained in one or more receipts is worthy of inclusion in our database.]

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South Carolina

To the Honorable David Ramsey Esquire President & the Honorable members of the Senate

The Humble Petition of Benjamin Hicks Sheweth

That on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 1781, Major James Wall of the State of Virginia was employed to Remove the Records of this State from The Reverend William Fanning, of Greensville County To Barkley County, in the State of Virginia. That the said James Wall employed two waggons Teams & Drivers of your Petitioner to assist in removing the said Records, that in the year of our Lord 1792 or 3 Major James Wall's Account including the amount of your Petitioner's account was passed into an Indent. That the said Major Wall is Dead as well as Colonel Edwin Gray & Colonel John Lucas, who were the Executors of the said Major Walls [sic], so that the said indent still Remains in the Treasurys of this State the said James Wall having no Legal Representative to Draw the same, whereby your Petitioner is prevented from obtaining his part or proportion of the same.

Your petitioner therefore most humble he prays that your Honorable House may direct the Treasury of this State to Deliver him an indent for the Amount of his Account Deducting the same from the Amount of the indent in the Name of Major James Wall, now lying in the

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<sup>1</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 "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. 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.

Treasury or grant your Petitioner such other Relief as from the Circumstance of the Case into your Honorable House shall seem meet.<sup>2</sup>

And that your Petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray

The 5<sup>th</sup> December 1793

Ben: Hicks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben: Hicks". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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South Carolina

To the Honorable David Ramsey President, & the Honorable member of the Senate

The Humble petition of Benjamin Hicks Sheweth

That on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 1781 Major James Wall of the State of Virginia was Employed by Mr. William Parker, who was then Treasurer of this State, to Remove the Records of South Carolina, from The Reverend William Fannings of Greenville County to Barkley County in the Said State of Virginia, That the said James Wall Employed two waggons teams and Drivers of your petitioner to Assist in Removing the said records, that in the year 1783 – the said James Wall applied to Col. James Mason & your petitioner to have our accounts included with the said Wall’s & was Agreed to, which Account was sent By the said Wall, to Mr. William Parker, which Gentleman had promised to have that account Laid before the Assembly of the said State, when convened and by the Death of the said Parker & some other Circumstances that account was Laid Over & still remained in the Treasury of this State, until February 1791 – and then the account was brought forward & Laid before the Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and the Honorable representatives of this State & Has been passed into an indent for the whole amount of said Wall’s, Mason’s & your petitioner’s account. But by the misfortune of the Death of Major James Wall & both the said Wall’s Executors, also Col. James Mason & his Executors, and no Administrator to the late James Wall’s Estate [bottom of the page damaged and text rendered illegible]

Petitioner had been informed that the Honorable Henry Tazewell had or intended administering on the said Wall’s Estate.

Your petitioner has made application to Mrs. Wall the widow of the late James Wall, & Mr. Tazewell twice by letter & once by his Son Benjamin Hicks and never have Received any Answer, only by his Son & then there was no Legal person to transact the said Wall’s business. Therefore it gives your petitioner the greatest Reason to believe that there is no administrator to the said Wall’s Estate yet, or they would have stepped forth and made application, or directed your petitioner to have drew [sic] the indent & made saile [sic] of it, & Sent the Cost [?] to the Right owners before this.

There being no administrator, which prevents your Petitioner from obtaining an order for his part of that account, and can’t find out any way to recover it only by the Assistance of the Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate – and Representatives of This State –

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<sup>2</sup> In Samuel Johnson’s Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word “meet” he gives is “Fit; proper....” Johnson noted that even at that time the word “meet” was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800’s, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

Therefore your petitioner most humbly prays that your Honorable House may direct the commissioners of Publick accounts, to deliver your petitioner an Indent for the amount of his account here unto annexed, deducting the same from the index now Lying in the Treasury in the name of the late James Wall, or grant your petitioner such other Relief as from the circumstances of the case to your Honorable House shall seem meet, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever Pray  
S/ Ben Hicks

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January

10<sup>th</sup> 1781

State of South Carolina to Ben Hicks Dr.  
To the Service of two waggons teams & Driver  
In Assisting in moving the Records of  
South Carolina from The Reverend  
William Fanning's, of Greenville County  
In the State of Virginia to Barkley  
County, and the said State, Twenty five  
and a half days, at two Dollars per day each  
waggon team & driver, which is  
To the interest thereon from

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Orangeburg District

Lexington County

this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1794

Benjamin Hicks Personally appeared before me one of the Justices Designed [sic] to keep the peace, for the County aforesaid, and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God That the above account as it Stands Stated is Justly due & that he hath never traded, Bartered nor sold nor either Received any part thereof

Sworn to before me the date above written

S/ R. Stark, JP

S/ Ben: Hicks

[p 36: The petitioner renewed his petition in 1801]

[p 39: A note that the prayer of the petition cannot be granted, no reason stated.]