

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

**Pension application of John & William Ridgeway 6416 [State Claims]
Transcribed by Brock G. Ridgeway
6416
RIDGEWAY, JOHN
RIDGEWAY, WILLIAM
No. 68**

2^d July '85

Messrs. John & William Ridgeway their Accts. of Militia duty, one as Captain the other private since the action of Charleston/For 337 days duty as a horseman under the command of Capt. John Ridgeway by order of Col Joseph Howes? In the year 1781 @20/ per day

Curr'y £ 486: 0. 0.
St'g £ 69: 8.6

Sixty Nice Pounds Eight Shillings & six pence three farthing Sterling.

A notation as follows: "Rec'd 2^d July 1785 full satisfaction for the William and John Indents ??708 ??? from Charity Ridgeway as Executor to the Estate of John & William Ridgeway

Signed Charles Sullivant

[This Receipt was in the file]

State of South Carolina

To Jno. & Wm. Ridgeway

Duty of Col. Andersons return.

Curr'y £ 486: 0. 0.
St'g £ 69: 8.6

Gentlemen

Please to let Mr. Charles Sulevant have my Indent and ?? intrust him with and this my receipt shall be sufficient

Humble Servant
her
Charity C Ridgeway
mark

To Mr. Potter Bocquet or Mr. James Mitchel
Commissioners of the Treasury
Februa'y 27th, 1786
Before me
Joseph Downs, J.P.

Charity Ridgway
Widow of Capt. John
No 68
£ 378 Curr^{ey}
for Duty, or 54

John Ridgway

For 60 days duty as a private under the command of Capt. William Ritchey in
1780 & for 90 days as a horseman under the command of Capt. John Ridgway
@ 20/pence day

Curr'y £ 120: 0. 0.
St'g £ 17: 2. 10

Seventeen Pounds two Shillings and ten pence farthing St'g.

173 No time mentioned when the above duty was performed. Major Mulwee in
this acct. of Samuel Ridgway is Counterfeit

The State of South Carolina

To John Ridgeway

To: 60 Days duty done as foot from the 30th of November to the 3rd of December
1780 both days included under the command of Col. Casey @ 10/ £30

To: 90 Days duty done as horseman from the 1st January to the 31st March
1781 both days included - under the command of et. @ 20/ £90

Curr'y £ 120: 0. 0.
St'g £ 17: 2. 10

Certified by me
January 16th 1787

Wm. Mulwee, Major

On the back of the above receipt is:
Rec'd 12 March '87 full satisfaction for this aforementioned Indent No. 1510 Book
Y & Order

Robert Cooper

Ninety Six District }
Laurens County }
To Peter Bocquett & Joh. Mitchell
Publick Treasurers

Gentlemen / Please to Deliver all & Singular my Indent together with the Specialty to Mr. Robert Cooper and this will be your sufficient receipt From your Humble Servt.

Signed before me
Joseph Downs, J.P.

His
John R Ridgway
Mark

September 9th 1787

State of South Carolina }
Laurens County }

We do hereby certify that John Ridgway was a Capt. in the Little River Regiment was a Revolutor in this State before the first of January 1775 and fell in Defence of this State by the act of the Enemy thereof on the third day September 1781 and left a widow with two children who are under the age of twelve years of age. Living he was a true friend to America at the time of his death and was not possessed of a tract of land and two slaves and the said Widow hath the care and raising of said children and is justly entitled to the annuity allowed by law for the support of widows and orphans of those who fell in the defense of this state, given under our hands and seals this 8th day of January 1787.

Levi Casey, J. P.
John Hunter, J. P.
Jonathan Downs, J. P.

Laurens County }

Charity Ridgway wife of the Dec'd. personally appeared before me who being duly sworne sayeth on his oath that the ?? of the ?? Certificate is just & true sworne to & subscribed before me this 8th day of June 1787

Her
Charity X Ridgway
Mark

Jonathan Downs, J. P.

September 9th 1787

Hon. Bocquet & Mitchel ??

Please to deliver to Jonathan Downs Esq. the Bounty ?Deed? to me by virtue of the above Certificate and oblige you Humble Servant that John ??.

Her
Charity X Ridgway
Mark

September 9th 1787

Entitled to Receive

Nine Pounds out of any monies due the ?? since ??January 1788. *Peter Bocquet*

Jonathan Downs for himself

J. Visey

John Ridgeway's Petition for Pension

Petition of John Ridgeway praying to be allowed pension

Pension

Granted

H. Young, Esq.

Agreed to

South Carolina
Laurens District

} To the ?? the Senate and House of
Representatives of the said State

The petition of John Ridgeway sheweth that he is one of the few now in existence of the Revolutionary Soldiers, that he is old and is indigent ?? upwards of seventy years of age. Your petitioner states that he has seen much service as will appear from the affidavits and certificates herewith filed and to which he refers. That he was in the Battles of the Cowpens, Guilford, and at little York when Lord Cornwallace surrendered, besides in much small warfare in the upper part of this State. That he has suffered much. That his father was killed by the Tories in the meridian of his life, who left a large family unprovided for and that his death although he fell gloriously in the service of his country was a heavy blow upon his family. Your petitioner further states that he has struggled on?? in life for his support thus far, depending alone upon his own ??s, but he now feels that he needs assistance, and is not ashamed to ask it from that Country which he has served with fidelity and which he believes will cheerfully afford it to him.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be placed among the Revolutionary Soldiers on the Pension ??Role?? of this State.

Sworn to the
?? December 1831
?? Lynch, J.P.

John Ridgeway

A Schedule of the property of John Ridgeway an applicant for a Pension.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|
| One Herd?? | | \$50.00 |
| Eight Head Cattle | | 40.00 |
| 10 head ?? | | 20.00 |
| 1??? | | 15.00 |
| 1 | 6 | 6.00 |
| ????household furniture | | 5.00 |
| ??? & small farm worth about \$10 | | |
| ??? | | |

\$136.00

Amount due and owing to different persons

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| To Abraham Mich?? | 55.00 | |
| Benjamin Arnold | 15.00 | |
| ?? Saxon? | 5.00 | \$75.00 |
| | | \$61.00 |

The above is due??this account not specifically known.

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| South Carolina | } | John Ridgeway appeared before me and being duly sworn says that the foregoing schedule is just and true and that it contains a ?? statement of his ?entire? estate. August 22, 1831 |
| Laurens District | | |

??Lynch, J. P.

signed: *John Ridgeway*

Benjamin Arnolds Certificate

State of South Carolina }
Greenville District } I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John
Ridgway from the 17?0 and that I saw him at different times in the American
Service as a Soldier under the command of Capt. John Ridgway [NOTE: AGAIN,
NO "e"], and after he was killed under the command of Capt. George Martin and
that he was active in catching and dispersing the outlying Tories about the end of
the war

21st May 1830

Benjamin Arnold

State of South Carolina }
Laurens District } I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John
Ridgway [NOTE: AGAIN, NO "e"] from the year 1775 and have every reason to
believe from reports that he was an active friend to his country during the
revolutionary contest.

May 22nd 1830

Thos. Richardson?

South Carolina }
Laurens District } Personally appeared Ellis Cheek before me and made
?? in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty this deponent entered the
militia of Laurens District of this State as a substitute on a tour of two months
service, that immediately he joined the militia the troops were marched ?? the
command of Col. McCrary to Covert Creek in Georgia two miles beyond Augusta
where the most of his term of service was performed, that from this place the
militia under Col. McCrary were marched back to the relief of Charleston, before
the troops marched ?then Charleston surrendered to the British. The militia then
fled for refuge a cross the Santee??. This term of service of two months then?
In?? & this Deponent left the troops & returned home. This Deponent further
deposes that he knows John Ridgway and distinctly recollects that he John
Ridgway served with him in tours of duty of two months above stated as a militia
man.

Sworn to before me the 7th
June 1830
Thos. Garrett?Gwinnett?, J.P.

His
Ellis X Cheek
Mark

We certify that we are acquainted with the ??? ??? Ellis Cheek and that he is a man of truth and entitled to credit.

H. C? Young
??? Allen

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of John Ridgway praying for a Pension in the House of Representatives, December 7th 1832. Resolved that the House do agree to the Report orders that it be sent to the Senate for concurrence. By order of the House. *R. Anderson, CHR* [chair?]

Notations on this page: “disagree” “?Pensions√” “√ to Senate” & “√ Tomorrow”

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of John Ridgeway praying to be placed on the Pension list Recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted *J. E. Holmes*, Chairman

NOTE: Underneath the above, and struck out is the following: "~~The committee on pensions on part of the Senate disagree to the Report of the House.~~ *J. Evans*, Chairman"

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Report from the House on the Petition of John Ridgeway praying for a pension.

The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Report of the committee from the House in the petition of John Ridgeway praying for a pension have had the same under consideration and recommend to disagree to the report of the House. *T. Evans*, Chairman