

"Without genealogy the study of history is lifeless"—John Fiske.

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REVOLUTIONARY ASSOCIATION IN PUBLIC DEFENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, 1775*

The actual commencement of hostilities against this continent by the British troops in the bloody scenes on the 19th of April last, was Boston, the increase of arbitrary impositions from a wicked and despotic ministry, and the dread of instigated insurrections in the colonies are causes sufficient to drive an oppressed people to the use of arms:

We, therefore, the subscribers, inhabitants of South Carolina, holding ourselves bound by that most sacred of all obligations, the duty of good citizens toward an injured country, and thoroughly convinced that under our present distressed circumstances we shall be justified before God and man in resisting force by force, do unite ourselves under every tie of religion, and of honour and associate as a band at her defence, against every foe: Hereby solemnly engaging that, whenever our continental and provincial councils shall decree it necessary we will go forth and be ready to sacrifice our lives and fortunes to secure her freedom and safety. This obligation to continue in full force until a reconciliation shall take place between Great Britain and America, upon constitutional principles, an event which we most ardently desire, and we will hold all those persons inimical to the liberty of the colonies who shall refuse to subscribe this association.

Nath'l Moore	Zachariah Worsley	John Wright
Matt'w Singleton	William Wright	John Roper
Jas. McCormick	Wood Furman	Joham Moore
John James	John Moore	James Freeman
Peter Mellet	Joseph Singleton	his
John Singleton	Isaac Lenoir	Eph. (X) Wesley, Jr.†
Peter Matthews	Thos. Smitherhill	mark
his	Isaac Jackson	Thos. Bradford
Hope (X) Ridgeway†	Robt. Singleton	his
mark	Adam Topler	John (X) Malone†
John Barden	John Singleton	mark
Henry Haynesworth	John Topler	John Pitt
"Cabel" (Caleb?) Gayle	John Harden	Richard Wells
Meachern Prettypool	Angrutas Spears	Benjamin Rees
James Farmer	Thos. Wells	Thos. Abbott
Mason Greening	Mich. Cronger	Hubbard Rees

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†His mark.

David Rogers	Watson Brumfield	Sam'l Lynes
John Newton	Wm. Rodger	Henry Clark
Joshua Spears	Wm. Wheeler	Wm. Lynes
John McKintosh	James Burrough	his
his	Wm. West Berry	Drury (X) Fletcher†
Elisha (X) Nettles†	his	mark
mark	Josiah (X) Gayle†	Charles Brunson
Isaac Brunson	mark	Moses Brunson
Alais Ward	Edward Lane	George Brunson
William Brunson	William Rees	Josh Hill
Philip Pettypool	Samuel Ramsey	Edwin Rees
William Melton	his	Stephen Nixon
Josiah West	Thomas (X) Woodard†	his
William Hood	mark	Eliason (X) Justin†
Richard Bradford	Obadiah Spears	mark
Daniel Holiday	Benjamin Trendall	his
William Dinkins	Billinton Taylor	Simon (X) Woodard†
Daniel Holiday, Jr.	John Holladay	mark
Robert Flemming	James Berry	Willis Ramsey
William Williams	his	Thomas Jackson
Zachariah Harrell	Fred (X) Atkinson†	Henry Wheeler
his	mark	James Williams
Gilbert (X) Crosswell†	his	Philemore Bradjore
mark	Atwell (X) Atkinson†	Hugh Rey
James Bourdeaux	mark	James Freeman
his	Celish Tabor	Jesse Temple
Sylvester (X) Asberry†	Benjamin Wallis	Thomas Neal
mark	Moses Knighten, Jr.	David Neal

LETTER TO SUMTER WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON

By McDONALD FURMAN

"Mr. Editor: The above Revolutionary Document was published in the *Columbia State*, April 8, 1900. It is of so interesting a nature that we ask its republication in your columns. Judging from names, several of those "Signers" must have lived in what is now Sumter County. Wood Furman, one of those Signers, was a member of the famous Jacksonborough Assembly which met in January, 1782, and of which Gen. McCrady in his History of South Carolina in the Revolution says, "A more distinguished body of men had never before and never after met in the state of South Carolina nor perhaps in any state in the Union." This was the first Legislative session after the Revolution and was a most important body. General McCrady gives a full and most interesting account, also a list of the members. Mr. Furman was from the D Camden Election District. Henry Haynsworth who was another Signer of the Revolutionary Document published in the *State* married Wood Furman's daughter.

(Signed) McDONALD FURMAN

Privateer, Sumter Co. [S. C.] July 20, 1903."

†"His mark."

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VOLUNTEER ROLL, COLLETON
CO., S. C., 1775

By MISS JEAN STEPHENSON, Washington, D. C.*

A local antiquarian has unearthed the original roll of a volunteer company formed in St. Mark's Parish, Colleton County in 1775. Below is given an exact copy (spelling and style uncorrected) of the agreement under which the company was formed and the roll of the company.

"We The Subscribers Whose Names Are here Under Written do Volutarely list & Inroll Our Selves In a Volutur Company to be Comanded by Capt. Matthew Singleton, Isham Moore, John Singleton in the Parish of St. Mark's subject to the resolves of the General Provinial Congress & the Counsell of Safety for the service of the Collinies hereby to Act within this Collony & to be ready upon any & every Emergency when thereunto cauled by the Counsell of Safety and do hereby bind Our Selves in A band by all the Ties of religion & honour to be furm in Our duty to Our Officers And agree Willingly and Unanimously to be subject to the Act for Mutiny & dissertion as other Companies in like Surcomstances are so far to be Tried by our Own Officers of ridgment & Companies to Which We belong In Witness Whereof We have hereunto set our hands this 26th day of August, 1775.

Mathw Singleton, Isham Moore, John Singleton, William Williams, Charles Brunson, George Brunson, Mathew Brunson, John Malone, Edward Lane, John Foster, Joseph Singleton, William O'Harrow, Francis Martin, Thomas Wells, Joseph Rodgers, Jas. McCormick, Isaac Jackson, Henry Wheeler, Willis Ramsay, Billington Taylor, Robert Fléming Tynes, Thomas Jackson, Drury Fletcher, Josiah Gayle, Junr. Edward Hill, Samuel Dwill, Sabe Stom, John James, Joseph Hill, Thos. Moffett, William Brunson, Jacob Chambers, Daniel Jinnings, Peter Matthews, James Farmer, Jesse Temple, Caleb Gayle, Samuel Tynes, Rich Wills, Elliott Holaday, Richard Harvin, Epheram Petty Pool, Junr., Jacob Brigman, James Brunson, Charles Goodwin, Hope Ridgeway."

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PROTEST

"Dorchester [Mass.] Feb. 3d, 1777

To Thomas Craft Esq. Cor'l of the Train of Artillery in Boston
The petition of us the Subscribers humbly Showeth that whereas in Nov^{br}. last Daniel Baird of Worcester Rec^d. orders for elisting, men under Capt^t Todd we Reposing Special trust & confidence in him that he would Stay in the Service untill the time was expired that we enlisted for otherwise we Should not have inlisted and now we understand that he is discharged without either his aplycation or Knowledge or for what cause we know not We Pray therefore that your honnour would be pleased to gratify us in our petition and Grant to each of us whose names are under written our discharge likewise and in so doing your honnour will much oblige your Servants.

*Copied by Miss Jean Stephenson from the privately printed, small edition volume, published in 1914 by Virginia Eliza (Green) Singleton, entitled "The Singletons of South Carolina."