

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Boutin R1012

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State of Georgia } On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 Personally appeared before me  
Jefferson County } John H Newton a Justice of the Inferior Court of the County of Jefferson  
John Boutin a resident of the said County of Jefferson and State aforesaid aged Eighty four years  
on the first day of February next and who by reason of bodily infirmity is unable to appear in  
Court who but being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following  
declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That as he he understands and believes he was born in Boston on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February  
1749 that he has no record of his age that he entered the service under the following named  
officers and served as herein stated first he entered service about the last of the year 1779 or  
the first of the year 1780 that he never served as a substitute but entered as a volunteer and  
served three months under Col Johnston that he resided in Hallifax [sic: Halifax] County North  
Carolina when he entered, that during this Tour he was stationed principally during the time at  
cross creek now Fayetteville [sic: Fayetteville] in North Carolina, 2<sup>nd</sup> he entered in the Company  
commanded by Capt Phillips and was attached to the army commanded by Gen'l Rutherford of  
North Carolina and remained near Cross Creek now Fayetteville for three months. after this he  
entered the service as a drill serjeant & then Serjeant Major three months the deponent served  
as a serjeant & three months as a serjeant Major under the command of Genl. [Richard] Caswell  
near Tarborough [sic: Tarboro] North Carolina, the Army was marched from there to South  
Carolina and joined the army under the command of Genl [Horatio] Gates, on this side of Peedee  
[sic: Pee Dee River] he was in the battle and defeat under Genl Gates near Camden in South  
Carolina [16 Aug 1780], when the Baron De Calb [sic: De Kalb] was killed after the defeat of Genl  
Gates the army was pretty much dispersed. this deponent some time thereafter raised a small  
company of Volunteers and took command of them as Captain in Bute County [sic: in 1779  
divided into Franklin and Warren counties] North Carolina from which place he marched them to  
Virginia near Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] where he joined Genl Lafayette [who arrived  
there 15 Mar 1781] and remained with him and the army under Genl Washington Rochambeau  
& other Continental officers until the surrender of Lord CornWallis [19 Oct 1781] he was in the  
siege & Battle of Yorktown after this in the month of October 1781 he was discharged by Genl  
Lafayette verbally this deponent thinks from first to last he was in service about twenty months  
he acted as Captain about six weeks he never received a commission he has had a discharge  
but does not recollect by whom it was signed, it has long since been lost and destroyed by fire  
after the revolutionary war the deponent lived a while in Virginia near Norfolk then moved to  
North Carolina Hallifax County then moved to near Camden South Carolina, then to Georgia in  
Burke County then to Jefferson County in Georgia where he has resided for the last thirty five  
years and where he now resides that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no  
person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services that there is no  
clergyman in his neighbourhood, but John Morgan & Hardy Morgan two of his neighbours to  
whom he is well known can testify as to deponents character as to his veracity and their belief of  
his services as a soldier of the revolution and he hereby relinquishes his every claim to a  
pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of  
the agency of any state

[signed] John Boutin

State of Georgia } On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833 Personally came before me  
Jefferson County } Jonathan Robinson a Justice of the Inferior Court of the County of  
Jefferson John Bouten a resident of the County of Jefferson and state aforesaid who by reason  
of bodily infirmity is unable to appear in Court who first being duly sworn according to law doth  
on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the declaration heretofore made by  
him in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1833. that by  
reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the  
precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than

the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For twelve months and a half I served as a private soldier For three months I served as a drill serjeant. For three months I served as a Serjeant Major and For one and a half months I served as a Captain and for such service I claim a pension my service commenced according to the best of my recollection at this time in the latter part of the year 1779. In the early part of the year 1780 I again intered service and continued till Genl Gates defeat. I soon again intered service in the year 1780 and continued till some time in the year 1781 and not long before the close of the war I raised a small Volunteer Company and commanded them as Captain from some time in September till the last of October 1781. the whole of my service as above stated was not less than twenty months I never had a commission as an officer, or warrant as a Serjeant & Serjeant Major and of course can produce none; that during each term of my engagement I served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority that my service was altogether in the field and the time during which the service was performed he was not engaged in any Civil pursuit that as before declared he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service but Jesse Robinson a clergyman and John Morgan and Hardy Morgan two of his neighbours to whom he is well known can testify as to deponents character as to his veracity and and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and he hereby relinquishes as named in his original declaration [signed] John Boutin

State of Georgia }  
Jefferson County }

Personally came before me, John Boutin a revolutionary soldier  
who in addition to the declarations under oath heretofore made,  
to obtain a pension, upon his oath now saith that according to the

best of his recollection he first entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the last of the year 1779 or first of the year 1780 in the Company commanded by Captain (Captain's name not recollected by Deponent). That in this Tour he served not less that six months. That he entered the service a second time [illegible word] the command of Captain Philips in the year 1780 as a private, and that in this Tour he served not less than six months, that during one of the above named terms he served as much as six and a half months but cannot say to which of the terms to attach the half month, making twelve and a half months service as a private soldier. That afterwards he entered the army for the third time under Captain (name not recollected) as a Drill Serjeant, and in this Tour served not less than three months as a drill serjeant. That he again entered for the fourth time in the year 1781 in the army as a Serjeant Major and continued this time in the service not less than three months as a serjeant major. That after this in the year 1781 he raised a volunteer company and took command of said company as captain and was in service this Tour as captain not less than six weeks, and for such service I claim a pension.

[signed 12 Mar 1834] John Boutin