

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Benton R786

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State of North Carolina Anson County: On this 14th day of January 1834, Be it known that before me Benjamin D Kirby Justice of the Peace in & for said County Personally appeared James Benton a Soldier of the Revolution unable to attend Court by his great age & at this time in front State of body, he states he is ninety years of age the 22nd day of August 1833, to the best of his recollection, he has lost the register of his age & that he believes he was born in Johnson County [Sic, Johnston County] State of North Carolina but moved to Anderson County North Carolina before the Revolutionary War where he resided at that time & continues to reside in the same County ever since, he made oath in due form of law and doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7th, 1832.

I entered the service of the United States in the year 1776, as well as he now recollects under the following named Officers and served as within stated. I volunteered in Anson County North Carolina for twelve months service as a Minute Man & private in Horse company under Colonel Thomas Wade & he acting as Quarter Master & Captain Patrick Boggan & went out collecting Provisions for Colonel Wade's Men & depositing in the Fort on the Pedee River & for General Greene's Army when marching to the South for Great distance on his road & for General Rutherford's Army & at the fall visiting the farms of the Tories Gathering their corn & carrying off for the support of the Armies of the United States leaving a support for their families beef cattle fat hogs & going in pursuit of Tories in the following Counties Anson, Cumberland, Moore, Montgomery the lower part of Mecklenburg & a part of South Carolina for 40 or 50 miles to Lynch's Creek & down said Creek to Pedee River then back & after the expiration of twelve months was discharged by Colonel Wade & returned home there a short time I then Volunteered for four months under Colonel Thomas Wade Captain Patrick Baggan as a Minute Man & private in Horse company & was employed in the same way as stated above collecting Provisions & in pursuit of Tories & at the expiration of four months was discharged by Captain P. Boggan & returned home there short time then I volunteered for three months as a Minute Man & private in Horse Company under Colonel Wade & Captain David Jemison & served as stated above collecting Provisions & in pursuit of Tories in the same Counties & after the expiration of three months was discharged by Captain D. Jemison & returned home their short time then I volunteered as a Minute Man & private in the Horse Company under Captain Thomas Wade & Captain John Dejernet but no certain time mentioned went out collecting Beef Cattle eight days

& while in service was taken with the Small pox & caught Cold & had the pox very bad & was down sick for a long time how long I do not recollect, after I recovered of the pox I never had as good use of myself after, that after my recovery so as to be of service in defense of my Country, I then Volunteered as a Minute Man & private in Horse Company under Captain Thomas Lacy the length of service was not set and went in Pursuit of Tories on Lynches Creek South Carolina & collecting Provisions ten days & returned & was discharged by Captain Lacy & returned home their short time I again volunteered as a Minute Man & private in the Horse company under Captain George Wilson no length of service was sent & was stationed in a Fort on Pedee River to guard the Provisions & some Provisions 14 days was then discharged by Captain George Wilson & returned home, but I continued serving as a Minute man at times under the same officers collecting Provisions & in Pursuit of Tories to the end of the war, the places went to collecting Provisions & in pursuit of Tories I cannot at this time recollect I was in no battle but should have [been] in the battle under Colonel Wade at Bettys Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge<sup>1</sup>] where the Tories defeated Colonel Wade but I was at that time one of the guard left at Haley's ferry on Pedee River with a parcel of Tory Prisoners years or months that I was in service I cannot recollect, I would never received any pay for my services or Horse I do not recollect ever receiving any written discharge & I know of no documentary evidence to prove my service but can in part by Charles Hinson Esquire. Where & in what year were you born In Johnson County North Carolina in the year 1743, Have you any record of your age if so where is it I have lost it, Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since the Revolution In Anson County NC & have resided there ever since, State the names of some of the regular officers Colonel Thomas Wade & General Green, Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it I never received a written discharge, State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your Character for Veracity and their belief of their Services as a Soldier of the Revolution, Joel Gullede, Jonathan Goggan, & Charles Hinson.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever of pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of January 1834

S/ B. D. Kirby, JP

S/ James Benton, X his mark

Be it known that before me William Hammond Justice of the Peace in and for Anson County Personally came Charles Hinson<sup>2</sup> Esquire and made oath in due form of law That he resided in Anson County North Carolina in the time of the Revolutionary War and has continued to reside in the same ever since and was at the time & is yet acquainted with James Henson that he seed [sic, saw] him in service of the United States under Captain Patrick Boggan & Captain David Jemison & at other times but how long he served he does not recollect & that he believes he was a faithful soldier his Colonel Thomas Wade & Quarter Master.

Sworn & subscribed this 16th day of January 1834 before me

S/ W. Hammond, JP

S/ Charles Hinson

[Joel Gullede, a clergyman, and Jonathan Boggan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> August 4, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [Charles Hinson S7014](#)