

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Spencer Boulton (Bolton) R995

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State of South Carolina Laurens district: In the Common Pleas

On this 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting Spencer Boulton aged between 70 & 80 a resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina who being first 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 7th 1832, viz. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the militia about the year 1776 under Captain John King & Major Irvin in the State of South Carolina was marched to Hadwell's point [sic, Haddrell's Point], remained there a short time & was marched to Fort Sullivan from there back to Haddrell's Point and was there discharged by Captain John King, received no written discharge after the period of one month & a half. He was drafted again in the year 1778 under Captain James Ford Colonel Culp was marched to Seneca and remained there one month the time for which he was drafted & was then discharged by Captain James Ford. He was drafted again in the year 1778 or '79 under Captain James Ford and was marched to Wadboo & remained there the time for which he was drafted he is one month and was discharged by Captain Ford. He volunteered in the year 1782 under General Marion & was marched to Blufort [sic, Beaufort] and remained there one month & was then discharged by General Marion, he received no written discharge. He was a resident of __ County now Marion District South Carolina he has lived in Orangeburg, Laurens & Newberry District ever since the war. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person who can testify to his revolutionary services.

I was born at Topsaw on Pedee River in South Carolina.

I have no record of my age but think how and between 70 & 80 years [of age]. --

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State --

I never received a commission --

The Rev'd William Henderson & Charles Fowler are persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and good behavior -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ John Garlington, X his mark

S/ Spencer Boulton, X his mark

[William Henderson and Charles Fowler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Henderson County: SS

On this 3rd day of October 1845, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions (now sitting in Hendersonville) Spencer Bolton a resident of Henderson County & State of North Carolina aged one hundred and ten years, who being first 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Mulberry district South Carolina in the Summer or fall of the year, but what year he does not recollect being entirely illiterate & cannot recollect dates, though he recollects being in the Army at the time of the Battle at Sullivan's Island and was on a march at that time to Charleston South Carolina and got very soon after the Battle, and help[ed] to pick up the loose balls, he volunteered, under one Captain King Regiment commanded by General Lee, and was marched as above stated, he thinks he was out at that time three months he then returned home, & soon after he again volunteered, under one Captain Ford, still in Lee's Regiment & was marched to Hadwells Point [sic, Haddrell's point] on the Santee River, & there remained, he thinks for three months, & was released, and went home, after being at home but a few days there was a call for volunteers, he again volunteered, under one Captain Lucus Whitfield [Lucas Whitfield?] & was marched to Charleston & there remained about three months, & again returned home, & stayed at home he thinks about two or three months after which he again volunteered under Captain King & was marched from place to place the names of which he cannot recollect nor the length of time he cannot recollect, but knows that he was in actual service until the fall of Charleston at which place he was at, & the Company to which he belonged made their escape leaving behind them their baggage, & everything in the City, he was then joined to General Marion's Army at Bowling green & was marched into North Carolina, the name of the place he cannot recollect then back to Georgetown South Carolina, & from there to Blewford [sic, Beaufort] where General Marion and forwarded his Army, the names of places he was then marched to he does not recollect but knows that he remained under General Marion until the Close of the war.

He hereby Relinquishes 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,

S/ Spencer Bolton, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year above

S/ James Blythe, Clerk of Henderson County Court

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born on the Pedee River South Carolina in the year he thinks of 1735.

2nd Have you any record of your age?

Ans. I have not.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Mulberry district South Carolina when I entered the service. I lived in that District for many years I then moved to Rafting Creek in Sumter District South Carolina, then to Spartanburg South Carolina where I remained until last August, I then moved to Henderson

County North Carolina where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from General Marion at the Close of the War, but many years ago lost it not knowing that it would ever be of any use to me,

I was acquainted with General Sumter Green & Beauford besides those mentioned in my Declaration,

There is living in the neighborhood where I resided in her South Carolina until I moved to Henderson County North Carolina in August last William Love, John Lankford, Joseph Wawford, Samuel Tucker & William Young besides many others who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief as to my having been a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Samuel Bolton, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the third day of October A.D. 1845

S/ James Blythe, Clerk of Henderson County Court

[William Merrell and Charles Pearson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Henderson County: On this 3rd day of October 1845 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County (now sitting in Hendersonville) Spencer Boulton who is now an applicant for a pension & a Citizen of the County & State aforesaid and after being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath declare that the reason why he has not applied for a pension before this late date is. That he is entirely illiterate and did not know how to go about it, and that six or eight years ago in Spartanburg South Carolina a man by the name of Treamer [sic, probably William Trimmier] did agree to prosecute his Claim, & that he went to Spartanburg Court house, at an appointment made by the said Treamer to attend to it, & informed him that he could get his Claim, though did not do anything for him, & some time after the said Treamer informed him that he had not done anything for him, he then despaired, ever getting it, until very recently he was informed it might be got.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Blythe, Clerk

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