

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Bruton S16665

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State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County: On this eleventh day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Marmaduke Williams Judge of the County Court for the County aforesaid now sitting Benjamin Bruton now a resident of that part of the Choctaw Nation near to or attached to Marengo County & in the State aforesaid but very recently a resident of the County of Conecuh & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years the 27th of May last, 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 concerning revolutionary Soldiers viz. That he entered the service of the United States under the following Officers and served as herein stated.

That as a volunteer he entered upon his first service for five months which he faithfully performed in the year 1778 or 1779 he does not recollect distinctly which under Colonel William Caswell (afterwards General Caswell) Captain John Kennedy Lieutenant Jacob Hooks & Ensign Jesse Lassiter (as well as he recollects his name) in the County of Dobbs now Lenoir in the State of North Carolina (his residence was then near Kinston in said County). The Company he was attached to united with the State troops at Kinston and were marched to Georgia under the command of Generals Ashe & Bryant; at the time the British had possession of Savannah. The Army was defeated by the British at bryer creek [Brier Creek] in Georgia – what remained of the Army was marched back to North Carolina & discharged (whether he took a written discharge or not he does not recollect). He next served three months as a substitute in Captain Griffin's Company – the Colonel's name of his Regiment not recollected – but the whole was under the command of General William Caswell (before Colonel Caswell). The troops were marched upon Charleston but before reaching there that place was taken by the British, they were then marched back to Fayetteville North Carolina & there discharged. He took a written discharge but what has become of it he does not. He further states that in his first tour he was second Sergeant of his company & in the last mentioned tour he was first Sergeant. He afterwards volunteered in a Company of mounted militia commanded by Captain Abraham Hardy & served but a short time. Afterwards he volunteered several times & whenever volunteers were called for, but how long he served in this way he does not recollect, but thinks not less than 4 or 5 months. These last volunteers were called out against the Tories.

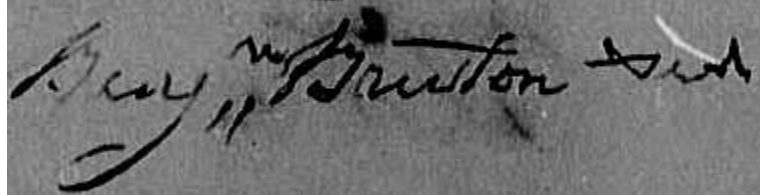
He was born in then Dobbs now Lenoir County State of North Carolina on the 27th day

of May A.D. 1761 where he continued to reside until the year 1785 when he removed to Bartholomew's Parish Charleston or Colleton District South Carolina from thence he removed in the year 1792 Richmond County Georgia and from thence in the year 1800 to Montgomery County now Laurens – Georgia & from thence in the year 1819 to Conecuh County Alabama where he continued to reside until the 30th day of October last when he removed to his present residence in the lake Choctaw purchase & in the limits of the State of Alabama.

He knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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/ Benj.ⁿ Bruton Senr.

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Benj. Bruton Senr." and is written on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper.

Sworn & subscribed to the 11th day of November 1832

S/ John A Hodges, Clerk

[fn p. 15: Zacheus Dowling, a clergyman, Samuel W Oliver & Julien S Devereaux gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a Sergeant and 4 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]