

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Darby S16758

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State of Alabama Clarke County }

On this Sixth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the honorable Samuel Wilkerson Judge of the orphans Court of Clarke County and also Judge of the County Court now sitting as Judge of the orphans Court Benjamin Darby resident of said County & State aged eighty-four years on the 8th day of February last past who 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 the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That his first Service was under Daniel Green a Captain in the Militia service and Henry Ferguson, which service was rendered before the British took Augusta in Georgia and that he served in that tour more than six months, the second term of service was under John Ryan a Captain in which service he was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]<sup>1</sup>, 30 or 40 miles above [?] Charleston South Carolina that Captain Ryan was in the militia service of South Carolina and that he served in that trip two months and that Andrew Pickens was Colonel commanding at the Battle of Stono.

The third term of service is was under Captain John Ryan & commanded by Leroy Hammond as Colonel, in which Service he served about three months and he was called into service again under Captain William Swearingen commanded by John Purvis as Colonel, his served but a short time say about 15 days. That he was at the retaking of Augusta in Georgia<sup>2</sup> and was commanded by John Ryan as Captain.

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

1 Where and in what year were you born?

In the State of Virginia the 8th of February 1748

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none

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

I was living in South Carolina Barnwell District when first called into service. I lived in

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>2</sup> Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

Edgefield District about 20 years after the war, I live in Monroe & Clarke County Alabama the balance of the time, and do now reside there.

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

I was always drafted

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

I never received a written discharge.

I am known to Hezekiah Bussey who resides in the same neighborhood with me.

S/ Benjamin Darby, X his mark

S/ William Hill, Judge

[Hezekiah Bussey, a clergyman, and William Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Charlotte Gliddon, daughter of Benjamin Darby, was living in Mobile Alabama in 1855; in a document dated 1859 there is reference to 2 women who are children of the veteran but their names are not given. The veteran died in Clarke County Alabama.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.32 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 15 days in the South Carolina State Troops.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>3</sup> relating to Benjamin Darby	AA 21
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1733	
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No. 50

No. 289

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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1785

Mr. Benjamin Darby his Account of Militia Duty as Private done before, & since the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £375

also for

Provisions per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] 11.18.10

Currency £386.18.10

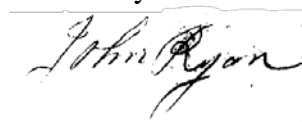
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Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 289 Book U per order

S/ John Ryan



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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 3: Repeat of the above information]

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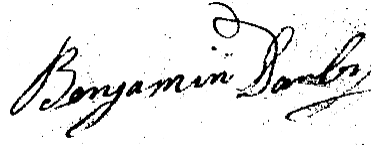
Ninety Six District February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1786

Gentlemen

Please Deliver to Mr. John Ryan the Indents Due me by the Public of this State  
[undeciphered word] endorse of the same the bounty for one hundred acres Land in my name and  
for one hundred thirty-six acres in the name of Isaac Freeman.

To Peter Bocquet & James Mitchell Esquire's  
Commissioners of the Treasury South Carolina

S/ Benjamin Darby

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin Darby". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 7: claim for provisions supplied to the Militia and Continentals – not transcribed]

[p 14: claim for a Mare lost in the service in 1782 – not transcribed. No circumstances cited in  
connection with the laws of this horse.]