

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bonner S2382

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State of Tennessee } Circuit Court
Wilson County } October Term 1832

on this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court Record, before the honorable James C. Mitchell one of Judges of law & equity in & for the County & State aforesaid John Bonner aged about sixty eight years Resident of Wilson County & State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the binifit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. that he was born 20th of August 1764 in the County of Sussix [sic: Sussex] Virginia & was placed on the Muster Role in a few days or weeks after I was sixteen years old & went into the sirvic as a substitute for a few weeks in the place of Daniel Malone I believe in January 1781 & was at Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] & was marched from thence to Babbs old field and Remained there untill siad Malone Came and Took his own place. This service was performed in Capt. Fr Dixon [Francis Dixon's] Company. I then Returned home & in about ten day was Cald in my own place under Captain Laurence Smith, but changed officers with a man to be with the Captain that I musterd with before Cald out (say Capt. Richard Harwell) after which time Capt. James Vaughan Took his place till the Tour ended at which Time Decloumon [sic: Christian Charles De Klauaman] was Major Mereweathers [sic: Thomas Meriwether] was Col. & Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] General Some time in the summer I was calld out again under Capt. Sterling Harwill [Benjamin] Blunt & Parker were our Col. This Tower was mostly Consumed in moving from place to place on the south side of James River from Walts bridge on black water [Blackwater River] to a small distance from portsmouth often mooving from place to place until the fall of the year, & in a few weaks was Call'd on to perrade at Surry old Court house to march over the James River to yourk [sic: York] County to join in the siege at little york [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], but was discharged from that Tower as I had been so much in service that year. I also Turnd out as a Volenteer under the proclamation of our Col. and was to have a credit for a Tower of duty for that service but the war ended before it availd me any thing. & I also done some other little services with out orders from the goverment such as to convid[?] about a dozin at a Time & scour the Road leading to Petersburg through the lower part of Dinwiddie County through the lower part of Dinwiddie County Virginia, the first tower spoken of in the out set was performd in part below the Great Bridge I believe in about four weaks we ware marched back & forward from a place Call'd. Edmond hill to northwest Landing. from thence to pasqutank [sic: Pasquotank River in NC] & from thence on logs or trees fallen making only a foot path for about eight miles across the great dismas swamp [sic: Dismal Swamp], thence to the burnt mills near Suffolk in Virginia, thence by Cabin point and up to within about six miles of Petersburg from which place I was discharged for that Tour. Our Tours of duty were three months tho in some instances we ware Releived before the three months would expire. I have no distinct Recollection of the lenght of the several services done by me but ware in service almost Constant from Jany 1781 till October 1781 – Declarent was a minute man during the whole of his nine months service, he moved from the State of Virginia to Wilson County Tennessee whre he has resided for the last twenty five years he hereby relinquishes every right or claim to a pension except the present – and his name is not on the pension rool of any state in the union

[signed] John Bonner

NOTES:

Thomas Bonner, 63, brother of John Bonner, stated that he recalled John Bonner's having been in service. Charles Carter (pension application S3125) stated that he had known John Bonner from an early

age and had served with him.

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of John Bonner received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 15 Feb 1843.