

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hanes S2587

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State of Tennessee Sumner County:

On this 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Sumner now sitting Benjamin Hanes, a resident of said County and state aged about eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That sometime in the fall of 1779, then living in Hanover County Virginia he volunteered (he does not recollect for what time) as a Minute man under Captain John Winston; but was not called into actual service until about the first of March following when Captain Winston's Company was called into service attached to a Regiment numbered not now recollected, Commanded by Colonel Meredith [perhaps Samuel Meredith] and Major Hardeman; Our Regiment rendezvoused at Hanover Court House, marched from there to New Castle from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Hampton where we were stationed for some time; thence moved over to Portsmouth, where we were discharged and Applicant got home on Christmas evening. About the middle of the summer Applicant still standing as a Minute man, was called into service when it was expected that Cornwallis was about to attack Richmond; marched under Colonel Stubblefield into Orange County, where we met with General Lafayette and his Army, who were in pursuit of Cornwallis; our Regiment joined in with Lafayette, when we marched to Hanover Court House – Lafayette left Applicant and others there to guard the Prisoners, he pursued on with the balance of his Army and in a short time Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], after which Applicant was regularly discharged, being something upwards of two years after he had volunteered as a Minute man; having been in actual service between twelve and fifteen months.

Applicant has no Documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim; nor does he know of any person living, whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ Benjamin Hanes, X his mark

[Daniel Law and Elijah Butler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]