

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Enoch Masters S2749

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State of North Carolina County of Craven: SS

On this 14th day of August in the year while Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Enoch Masters resident of the County of Craven State of North Carolina aged seventy-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 the act of Congress passed June 7th in the year of our Lord 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated the is, he volunteered into the militia service in February in the year of our Lord 1779 and served in Capt. Charles Roach's company and Col. Johnson's [Jonas Johnston's] Regiment for the term of six months, the most of which time was passed in Georgia and South Carolina under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. At the end of the term he obtained a discharge from Col. Johnson which has been destroyed, under the following circumstances viz, when in the brig *Bellona* [? written over and first 3 letters largely illegible],<sup>1</sup> a letter of marquee of sixteen guns in the year of our Lord 1780 being chased by an English squadron as the crew supposed, he destroyed his certificate of discharge under the impression if taken that it would make his treatment by them more severe. During the time of his service he was in no regular engagement but fought in several skirmishes.

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.

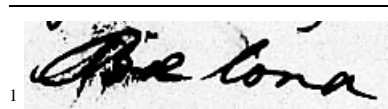
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. G. Stanley, CC

S/ Enoch Masters



[Rufus Wiley, a clergyman, Benjamin Mason & William Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



<sup>1</sup>

Possibly the same vessel as described in

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Privateers/B/Bellona%20North%20Carolina%20Brig%20%5BPendleton%20Harrison%5D.html> [viewed 7/7/16]

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died December 7, 1849. The source of that information is not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]