

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Bruton S30891

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State of Kentucky Wayne County } Sct.

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Justices of the County Court of Wayne County now sitting George Bruton a resident of Wayne County in the County of Wayne and State aforesaid aged seventy years old on the fifth day of June 1832, 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I the said George Bruton volunteered in the service of the United States in Spartanburg County in the State of South Carolina as a private sometime in the fall or winter of the year 1780 during the war just after the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]. I volunteered under Captain George Robuck [sic, George Roebuck] & served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Robuck [sic, Benjamin Roebuck] against the British Tories & Indians particular time of volunteering not recollected, got no Regular discharges in writing. I the said George Bruton under my Captain George Roebuck, was daily marching as a Ranger after the British & Tories. I was at the Siege of Augusta in Georgia under Captain Byas Boikin [sic, Byers Boykin?] & General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke], the commander of our forces and helped to take the British Fort & Army commanded by the British or Tory Colonel Brown [Thomas "burnt foot" Brown] at Augusta in Georgia after a siege & fighting 4 weeks.<sup>1</sup> The Prisoners were kept at Augusta some time & then sent to Savannah, to be exchanged as I was then informed. I was then discharged & took a Receipt of my services from my then Captain Bias Boikin.

The Town of Ninety Six in South Carolina being besieged<sup>2</sup> by our men, about this time another company was formed which I volunteered. And we all marched to their relief & support under Captain John Autery [sic, John Autary] But before we got there, the British received Reinforcements from Charleston & we had to retreat I got a Receipt & discharged for the service, & I immediately went back to South Carolina under my former Captain George Roebuck & I think in the fall of 1781. The Cherokee Indians breaking out killing many, stealing and destroying property on the Frontiers, I marched under Colonel Henry Wood with about 200 with our horses & provisions without inferior officers after the said Wood acting as Captain and

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<sup>1</sup> Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

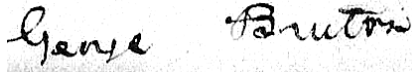
Commander, we had several engagements with the Indians, took about 60 Prisoners and kept the most of them, till about the close of the War. We burnt and destroyed three or four towns near the Saluda mountains and Eastern Toe River, belonging to the Cherokees & we then returned home. Then until the expiration of the War I was under Captain George Roebuck, we continued to range the frontiers and keep Block houses, the said company being exempt from other services during the War. I think to the best of my belief I was in active service two years and a half. After the war I had no regular discharge in writing. And claim for compensation for two years as a private.

I the said George Bruton was born in Spartanburg County State of South Carolina <sup>and 70</sup> years old the fifth of June next agreeable to the record of my age in my possession where I lived until I was about 30 years of age. I then moved to Madison County Kentucky where I lived about 6 years I then moved to Wayne County Kentucky where I now live and have lived upwards of 30 years. I the said George Bruton have no Documentary evidence & knows of no person in this country, whose testimony I can procure to testify to my services.

I the said George Bruton relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. \*

S/ George Bruton



\*That he is personally known by Abraham Vanwinkle & John Moreland of said County his neighbors who can testify to his veracity.

[Benjamin Hancock, a clergyman, and Roger Oatts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Wayne County Kentucky

The amended Declaration of Major George Bruton, in order to obtain his Pension from the War department of the United States under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 passed for the Benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers.

I the said George Bruton in amending my Declaration for a Pension, agreeably to my original Declaration, in the fall or winter of the year 1780 volunteered under Captain George Roebuck in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Roebuck, we first met at the farm of Captain George Roebuck's we started & marched in the frontiers not far from Spartanburg South Carolina, we continued ranging & guarding the frontiers, from the time we first marched, for the term of six months daily, against the Indians, British & Tories. We then returned home with our officers. They not thinking it was necessary to give us discharges, being minute men during the war.

In but a very few days after our return home, the British & Tories pressing hard in Georgia, the precise time not recollected when I marched & volunteered with others to go to the American Army in Georgia and not far from or in about 30 miles of Augusta in Georgia I with others joined the company commanded by Byas Boykin and shortly afterwards we marched to the siege of Augusta. The British, Indians and Tories then in possession, we fought under General Clark, almost a continued skirmishing & fighting for four weeks & at that time we entrenched up near the walls. And the British, Indians & Tories commanded by Colonel Brown surrendered and were guarded by us for some time & the Prisoners were sent to Savannah as I was informed. I was then discharged by my Captain Byas Boykin at Augusta having served in this tour seven months and had I think a written discharge from Captain Boykin. But have lost it.

The town of Ninety Six in South Carolina being besieged at this time by the Americans

Another company was formed under Captain John Autery at Augusta & I immediately volunteered and marched under him in a direction for Ninety Six. But before we got there the British received large reinforcements from Charleston and the Americans had to retreat & we marched to the frontiers in the upper part of Georgia, ranging after the Tories & Indians. Having served four weeks in this Tour under Captain Autery no great danger's pressing in this corps we were discharged by our Captain having actually served four weeks.

I then marched or went back to South Carolina, and joined my former Captain George Roebuck & I think in the fall of the year 1781. The Cherokee Indians breaking out & killing many, stealing & destroying property on the frontiers, I again volunteered and marched under Colonel Henry Wood with about 200 under him with our horses & provisions. He the said Wood commanding as Colonel & Captain and we marched to the Cherokee towns on the Saluda Mountains & Estentoe River & had several engagements with the Indians took about 60 Prisoners & they were kept the most of them till the close of the war. Having successfully performed our service and tour in this expedition, I returned to my former company commanded by Captain George Roebuck having actually served in this expedition or tour one month. Then until the termination of the war I served under Captain Roebuck as a Ranger & keeping Blockhouses on the Frontiers of South Carolina. The Tories and Indians often making depredations upon the Frontier settlements. Having actually served under Captain George Roebuck ten months hard service as a Ranger and took many Tory Prisoners. The war closed & I with our company was discharged by our Captain George Roebuck but not in writing. Having actually served two years and four weeks during the war, for which I respectfully claim a compensation. And is in my first Declaration, we were called minute men, because always ready & willing to go where our country needed our services.

Test: S/ R. Gantt

S/ George Bruton

[November 30th, 1833]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 15 months service from 1780 as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>3</sup> relating to George Bruton	AA9
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 852	
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[No.] 3414

No. 114

[Book] X

25 July 86 [1786]

George Bruton For Militia Duty in Roebuck's Regiment, since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency

£57.8.0

Sterling

£8.2.10 ¼

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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.

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

Received 25 July 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3414 Book X  
S/ Alexr. Alexander [Alexander Alexander]



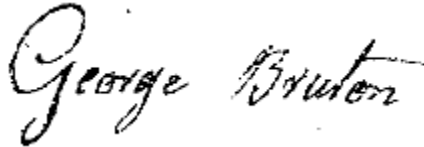
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to the Gentlemen Treasurers of South Carolina

Please to Discharge the Bounty of a tract of one hundred fifty acres in the name of  
George Bruton and [text too faint to discern] in the name of James Bruton as I have a indent in  
your office that will settle both tracts and send by the Bearer Alexander Alexander the intrust  
[sic, interest] Due on said indent and this my order shall be your Receipt from your Humble  
Servant

February 5<sup>th</sup> 1787

S/ George Bruton



[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 3414 Book X dated July 25, 1786]

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No 56

No. 3666 Book R

George Bruton for 12 days duty in Militia in 1779

Amount                      £0.17.1 ½

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

“not attested.[”]