

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Hamilton S31111

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Morgan County }

On this 2^d day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Morgan County now sitting Benjamin Hamilton a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky aged 72 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 Act 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 resided in Bedford County State of Virginia I volunteered under Captain John Lucas in the month of May 1780 & was marched from Montgomery County Virginia to Guilford Court house North Carolina. [See note below.] I served Three months was discharged between the 20th & 25th of August 1780 at Guilford & Returned home Walter Crockett was our Colonel

I again entered the Service on the 25th of August 1781 under Captain David Beard & Col. [William] Trigg for three months as a volunteer. we Rendezvoused at New London [now in Campbell County] State of Virginia and was marched to Williamsburg thence to Little York Virginia from Little York we was marched back home to New London & Discharged the 29th November 1781 after a Tour of a Little over Three months —

I again entered the Service as a volunteer for Three months on the 5th or 6th day of March 1782 under Captain Thomas Vincent Col. Thomas King Rendezvoused at the North fork of Houlston [sic: Holston River] we was there marched against the Cherokee Towns we had a battle with the Indians at a place called the Lookout Mountain [see note below] after which I was discharged at the expiration of my Term of Three months Service.

from where I went to Sullivan County State of North Carolina [now Tennessee] where I stood a Draft and was Drafted on the 25th of June 1782 for the Three months under Capt Wm Burks & we Rendesvoused on the 26th June 1782 at North fork of Houlston from where we was marched to Bowans Station [possibly Bean Station] on German Creek where we was stationed and ordered out in Detachments every Day as Spies or Rangers against the Indians after the Time to Three Months for which I was Drafted had expired I was Discharged on the 27th September 1782 after being discharged by my Captain I remained as a Volunteer Spy at the Station for One Month under Col. Hutchison.

he has no Documentary evidence of his Services that he knows of no person except Thomas Hamilton & Philip Williams whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his Services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & Subscribed the Day & year aforesaid

Benjamin Hamilton

NOTE: Captain John Lucas in his pension application (W5468) stated that the objective of the expedition to Guilford Courthouse was to conduct prisoners captured in the Carolinas. Hamilton apparently refers to an engagement against the Cherokees at Lookout Mountain in present Tennessee that occurred previous to the famous battle there on 20 Sep 1782, when troops under Col. John Sevier defeated those of Dragging Canoe. Thomas Hamilton (pension application W7671) deposed that he did not serve with Benjamin Hamilton, but as his brother he knew of his services. Philip Williams (pension application S1269) deposed that he had served with Hamilton in the 1780 campaign under Col. Crockett.