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Pension Application of Enoch Benson S31549

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State of Georgia } Inferior Court September 1832
Gwinnett County } on this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of Record) now sitting Enoch Benson a resident of the said County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia aged Seventy six 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 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated; That he entered the Service in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] & State of Virginia under Captain William Stanton for 3 months in 1780 or 1781 not certain which & was stationed at Hunters Iron works [Hunter's Forge near Fredericksburg]. Afterwards cald into service again under Captain Henry Toles [probably Henry Towles] for one other tower of three months his Captain permitted him to remain at home for a few days to have some clothes finished he then in a very few days started on to join his said Captain Toles but could not get with them conveniently was advised by a Genl officer whose name he cannot recolect at present to join a nother company which he did at Fredricksberg which Company was Commanded by Captain Nolen whith whome he remaind until they joined his said Captain Toles but before he served his full three months out he hired his brother Zachariah Benson to serve the ballance of said tower of three months; after wards cald out again under Captain Reuben Clark for three months & at Williamsberg [sic: Williamsburg] he was transfered to Captain Triplit [sic: Triplett] Atached to Major [Nathaniel] Welch's Battalion & he beleives Colonel Graves Regiment. from Williamsberg marched to a place caled Little York & was in the Battle at that place [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] under the command of Genl George Washington Served out his tower & was regularly discharged & that he was regularly discharged from Each of his 3 several towers of duty making in all nine months of Duty rendered in defence of his Country. but have lost or mislaid his said several discharges so that he cannot find them

That after the Revolutionary war that he has resided first in the State of Virginia from their he came to South Carolina Greenville district and from there to the State of Georgia and County of Gwinnett where he now resides and that he has no documentary evidence whereby he can proove his said servises – And that he knows of no person now living whose testamony he can procure that will go to Establish the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declairs that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State [signed] Enoch Benson

Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said
Gwinnett County } County Enoch Benson who being duly sworn saith that from the best of his recollection (and of which he is verry certain) he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Malitia man in the year 1780 & served as a private soldier in that year as stated in his annexed declaration and after serving out his time of three months was regularly discharged by his Captain Staunton – that in 1781 in the month of May He entered the Service again as a private Soldier for three months and served two weeks then employed his brother to serve in his place as a substitute – and That in the same year (1781) in the month of August in Culpepper County Virginia he again entered the service as a drafted militia man & served as a private soldier as stated in his declaration & received a regular discharge from his Captain Triplitt – that the said discharges are lost – that he recollects to have destroyed all his old revolutionary papers except the oath of Alligiance to the Country which he yet has – & he presumes that the discharges were that way lost never having expected to receive any thing for his services they were

thought valules and that he has never received any pay for his services
That he was born in the month of December 1756 (seventeen hundred & fifty six) in the said State of Virginia (& Culpepper County as he has been informed) that he has the record of his age as left him by his parents & which is now in his possession
that at the time of entering the service each time he resided in the said County of Culpepper & State of Virginia. That after the Revolutionary War he resided in said County of Culpepper until the year 1785 then removed to Greenville District South Carolina remained there till the year 1818 & then removed to this State of Georgia & settled in the neighbourhood where he now resides in the County of Gwinnett.
That John L. Wilson a Clergyman & Robert L. Adair Esqr who have testified William Mattlin Esqr Charles W Ramson Buckner Harris & many others of his neighbours who reside in his neighbourhood & to whom he is well known can testify to his character for veracity & of their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution

And for the above services he claims a pension

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24 June 1833
John Mill JP

[signed] Enoch Benson