

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin O'Bannon S31886

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State of Georgia, Habersham County } SS

On this fifth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of ordinary of said County of Habersham Benjamin O'Bannon a resident of said County of Habersham aged about Eighty two 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 officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Marshall he served a three months tour he lived at the time of entering the service in Salisbury in North Carolina he was discharged from that tour he then entered the service under Captain Maayah [sic] Williams in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] both from Georgia he was at the siege of Augusta that he remained in service twelve months and was regularly discharged he next entered the service as a horse man in South Carolina as a horse man under Captain Henry Hampton he remained in service in South Carolina for about eighteen months and was regularly discharged he has lost or mislaid all his discharges and has no documentary evidence of his services he served several other small tours making in all something near seven years he was born as he has been informed in the year 1750 in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia that he has no record of his age he could name many persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his veracity and as to their belief of his being a Revolutionary soldier to wit Col James Blair Colonel James R. Wyly Abraham Holcombe Esq. William C. Wyly Esq. and many others he was acquainted with Major Benjamin Hawkins a Regular officer in the Continental service that he removed from North Carolina to South Carolina and from there [to] the State of Georgia where he has resided ever since. 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 any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan D. Chastain, C. C.

S/ Benjamin O'Bannon, X his mark

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In open Court personally appeared Hugh Pierce¹ who after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with the above named Benjamin O'Bannon in the Revolutionary War and that the said Benjamin O'Bannon entered the service of the United States as he thinks in the year 1775 as a volunteer and that the said Benjamin O'Bannon served under different regiments for upwards of two years and that he has been well acquainted with said Benjamin ever since. Sworn to and subscribed in open court this fifth day of November 1832.
S/ Jonathan C. Chastain, C. C.

S/ Hugh Pirce [sic]



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In open Court personally appeared Sherwood Holcombe² who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Benjamin O'Bannon above named that he has frequently saw the said Benjamin in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and that he served one tour of duty in the same company with this deponent under Captain Anthony Coulter under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] in the state of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the fifth day of November 1832

S/ Jonathan C. Chastain, C. C.

S/ Sherwood Holcomb, X his mark

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Georgia, Habersham County:

An Amendment of the Declaration of Benjamin O'Bannon filed in the clerk's office of the Court of Ordinary on the sixth day of November 1832, for the purpose of procuring the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 for revolutionary Services; Makes this additional Declaration before the Inferior Court now sitting for said County to avail himself of the advantages of said act.

That he has proved his services as far as he is able in the original declaration by Sherwood Holcombe and Hugh Pierce.

He answers, to the interrogatories³ as follows:

¹ [Hugh Pierce S32445](#)

² Sic, [Sherwood \(Sherrod\) Holcomb \(Holcombe\) W7794](#)

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

1st : I was born in Fauquier County State of Virginia in the year 1750

2nd : There is a record, or was of my age if in existence it is in the State of Alabama with a Sister

3rd : I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when called into Service, ever since the revolutionary war I have lived in South Carolina & Georgia. In South Carolina I lived in Edgefield & Spartanburg, in Georgia where I now live, in Habersham.

4th : I entered in the service as a volunteer

5th : The names of the regular officers who served with us as far as recollected was Colonel George Wade, Major Dary who was killed in battle; Captain Campbell, who was afterwards Colonel Campbell, I have no recollection of the names of the Regiments. The militia officers as well as recollected was Colonel Ledbetter, Colonel Kimble, who became an officer in the militia, Col Marshall, Col Clarke who afterwards became a General. Served under Generals Sumter [Thomas Sumter] & Marion [Francis Marion], who were the commanding officers over the above named colonels. I was at the Siege of Augusta,⁴ both Sieges, and Captain Williamson the first Siege, and believes he was under Captain Pew at the second Siege. I was also at 96⁵ under Captain Butler, Col Cruger [John Harris Cruger] commanded the British, they fought day and night, after the Battle of 96, we went under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] after the British, who were retreating towards Charleston. I was in the Battle of Camden⁶ under Captain Thomas Glaze; Lord Rawdon & Cruger commanded the enemy. After the Camden affair I went under Captain Watson as a ranger and I joined Marion's Light horse. (I was a volunteer). I was also at the battle of the Cowpens under Captain Young as well as I recollect, we joined Young the day before the battle at the Flowery Gap the Americans were commanded by Morgan & Shelby. The British were commanded by Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton]. I was also at a Battle at Col Thompson's under Captain Glaze, Kimble & Sumter commanded the Americans, Cruger the British I believe three of my mess mates were killed there. I was also at the battle at Black River, where the British way laid Genl Sumter it was a hard battle.

6th : I received discharges for all my services as a Soldier. I served three years in succession twelve months at another time and eighteen months at another they were burnt many years after the war in Edgefield S. C. by accident.

Sworn – subscribed in open Court in the Inferior court of said County.

S/ Benjamin O'Bannon, X his mark

S/ Andrew M. Norris, C. I. C.

[p 22 certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office dated may 1835 listing the payments made to Benjamin O'Bannon for services in the revolution.]

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Georgia Habersham County

Comes personally before me Thomas McCray [sic, McRea] one of the Justices of the peace for said County for the 409 District of the Georgia Militia Philip Perry who being duly sworn deposes & says; that in the year 1780 that he well knew Benjamin O'Bannon that he was in the

⁴ Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

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

⁵ Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁶ Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

service of the revolutionary war & that he the said Perry saw the said Benjamin O'Bannon when among the scouts & that he was taken by the Tories & that he saw him treated by the Tories in the following manner; his arms were pinioned behind his back, his hands crossed & tied & a rope around his neck & his feet tied under the horse's belly & with him were 3 others in the same situation; viz. -- John Robinson, William Robinson & Ned Williams; & deponent being then about 14 years old & an apprentice, went about 3 miles to let some of the Whig party know the circumstances which party were commanded by Captain William Nettles & that Captain Nettles' party started for his relief. The above took place on little Lynches Creek in South Carolina. The said Benjamin O'Bannon now lives in this County & he the said Perry knows him to be the said O'Bannon above mentioned. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th of November 1835
Test: S/ J. C. Smith

S/ Philip Perry, P his mark

S/ Thos. McRea, JP [sic]

[James Coile⁷ gave a supporting affidavit to the effect of having seen O'Bannon in service but cannot say how long O'Bannon served.]

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State of Georgia & County: Amendment to the Declaration of Benjamin O'Bannon, before the Court of Ordinary of said County on the 6th day of November 1832, to which original this amendment is now attached as is also a former amendment.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Benjamin O'Bannon who has heretofore made the Declaration related above and hereto attached, and who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades viz.:

In 1775 or 1776 he served 3 months under Captain Marshall and 3 months under Captain Colter, after the Indians, and also 3 months in 1776 or 1777 under Captain Williamson & Colonel Clark and was marched to the siege of Augusta, Georgia, he lived at the time in South Carolina near Camden but cannot recollect the particulars of this 9 months service, when under Williamson & Clark he was a volunteer in Troops not regularly raised by draft in Carolina.

In 1777 in September or October in Camden District South Carolina he entered the service of the United States under Captain George Wade & Colonel Fred K. Kimble and was marched to Cheraw Hills and was in the skirmish at a Bridge on Lynches Creek in this tour he served 2 months and was discharged. Served as a private volunteer.

About first January 1778 he entered the service under Captain Spivey in Camden aforesaid and was marched under him and Colonel Kimble down to Black River, and met General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] below Camden and had a skirmish on Black River with the British & Tories was detached with a Company to remove Captain Spivey's wife & family but was taken a prisoner by the Tories the next day, and was rescued by the rest of the Company was then marched up to join Captain Glaize [sic, Thomas Glaze] on the Catawba [River] and was discharged having served 3 months as a volunteer & private.

In March 1778 he entered the service under Captain Glaze in Camden aforesaid and was marched to the Salt Katches [sic, Salkehatchie River] in Barnwell after the Tories Colonel Carter

⁷ [James Coile \(Coile\) S31624](#)

commanding, and was marched to Edisto River where we had a fight in the Swamp and was discharged having served 3 months as a volunteer and private.

In October 1778 he served as a private volunteer under Captain Henderson, entered in Camden aforesaid was marched under him & Colonel Marshall to Liberty Hill opposite Augusta Georgia and was stationed there until he served his full tour of 3 months and was then discharged.

In January 1779 he entered at Camden aforesaid as a private at Camden aforesaid under Captain Buckner Kimble, and was marched under him and Colonel Rutledge to Charleston and remained stationed there until he had served 3 months and was discharged.

In July 1780 he entered in Camden aforesaid under Captain Thomas Glaze as a private and was marched to join General Gates near the Rocky River and was then marched under Gates to Camden and he was in that battle after the Battle he made the best of his way home having served one month.

In September 1781 he again entered at Camden aforesaid as a private under Captain Watson as a light horse Ranger and was marched and joined General Marion below Black River, and was with him in a skirmish at Black Mingo on the Pedee [River] and another at Cross Creek Bridge. Served in this tour 2 months under Captain Watson and 3 months under Captain Spivey, and was discharged.

About first September 1780 he entered again as a private at Camden aforesaid under Captain Moses Shelby and was marched to King's Mountain, he was in that battle and was marched from thence to Salisbury guarding the prisoners and was discharged at Salisbury having served 2 months.

In January 1781 he again entered as a private at Camden aforesaid under Captain Williamson and was marched to the Cowpens and was at that Battle under Captain Young's command, thence was marched to Cheraw, thence to Black River and thence to Lynches Creek, and had several skirmishes Guilford where he was again in Battle, and was wounded by a Bayonet in the groin served 2 1/2 months in this tour before he was wounded; but did not recover from the wound for 3 months thereafter.

In June 1781 he had just recovered from his wound when he entered as a private in Ninety Six district under Captain Butler, was at the siege of Ninety Six and was kept in service there 2 months and was discharged.

He was in service during the whole war but cannot state each Tour more distinctly than is herein set forth, and full officers names &c he refers to his original & amended declaration's heretofore made. And for the services as aforesaid he claims a pension. That he served these tours specified above with an embodied corps regularly called into service by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison, and for this time during which the service was performed, he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of July 1834

S/ Clark Catlett, JP

S/ Benjamin O'Bannon, X his mark

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State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County: Be it known that before me Samuel G. Frierson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Thomas Glaze⁸ a Revolutionary Soldier of the age of about 85 years -- and now a pensioner of the United States

⁸ [Thomas Glaze S10748](#)

for services rendered during the Revolutionary War: -- And makes answers to the following Interrogatories propounded to him in favor of one Benjamin O'Bannon who has petitioned the Department of War for a pension -- and refused the same for want of evidence of service

Thomas Glaze:

1st Interrogatory -- due recollect the time the said Benjamin O'Bannon (then called Banion) entered the service under you.

Answer -- I recollect that the said Benjamin O'Bannon (sometimes called Bannion) and recollect that he entered the service of the United States under me (as Captain) in the fall of the year 1780.

2nd Interrogatory -- How long did the said O'Bannon serve under you --

Answer -- He served under me 18 months if not longer --

3rd Interrogatory -- What was the names of the Colonel and General and Major that he was under at that time

Answer -- Colonel Marshall General Sumter and Major Kimball.

4th Interrogatory -- Did the said O'Bannon relieve you at a certain time when those of the British dragoons were up upon you --

Answer -- O'Bannon says he did, but I do not now particularly recollect well enough to be qualified to it. O'Bannon has always said he done so and I have always believed he done as he says he did --

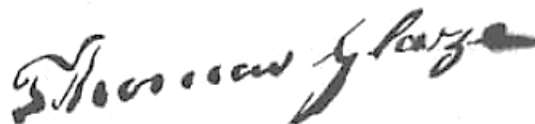
5th Interrogatory -- Have you any personal knowledge of the said O'Bannon's being in service any other time before or after he was under you, and if so how long did he served --

Answer -- I always understood and believed that the said O'Bannon had been off & on "in the war from the Beginning of it, that he had been a faithful soldier before he joined my company in 1780 -- and was not discharged from service until the close of the War. This affiant saith he knows the said O'Bannon to have been a brave man and rendered much service as any active and indefatigable Soldier and he believes a zealous & true patriot: -- And further he says not --

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of September A.D. 1836

S/ Samuel G. Frierson, JP

S/ Thomas Glaze



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Georgia Habersham County: Personally came before me John J. Dickenson a Justice of the peace in and for said County and of the 414th District of Georgia Militia John H. Jones Senior and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on his oath That he was well acquainted with Benjamin O'Bannon in the time of the revolutionary war between Great Britain and the United States of America that the said O'Bannon was a true soldier to and for the United States -- and that he was between 2 and 3 years in the service of the United States according to the then laws of the United States he further saith that it was in the State of South Carolina that he was acquainted with said O'Bannon for the said time of 2 or 3 years he further deposeth and saith on his oath the said O'Bannon did kill a Tory Captain by the name of Black -- and that he brought Black's coat to his father's house with a bullet hole in the back of it -- he further saith that this circumstance took place about the year 1780 or 1781 -- to the best of his recollection.

Sworn to and subscribed before made the 9th of January 1836

S/ John J. Dickenson, JP

S/ John H. Jones



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State of South Carolina

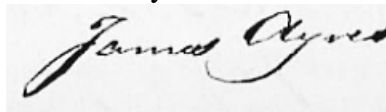
Before me Nathan Boon one of the Justices assigned to keep the Peace for Pickens District, Personally appeared James Ayres⁹, and after being duly sworn deposed & saith that he resided and lived in Kershaw County in this State before the Revolutionary War. That Benjamin O'Bannon lived in the same County -- and This deponent was with the said O'Bannon in the service as Volunteers this deponent and said O'Bannon were under the same Captain one tour for the space of about one month under Captain Nettles of Colonel Marshall's Regiment of South Carolina Militia under General Sumter. This deponent was with the said O'Bannon at the Battle at Eutaw Springs but they were under different captains. This deponent was under Captain Deason and O'Bannon was in Captain Watson's Company -- under Colonel Richardson (William) and General Frances Marion -- Deponent and the said O'Bannon lived about 6 miles and many years less than 6 miles from each other -- They were well acquainted with each other.

Deponent further declares that he was well knowing and informed of the conduct and employment of the said O'Bannon. He cannot say that he was present, but has a perfect knowledge, obtained at the time that the said Benjamin O'Bannon did joined Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment of Cavalry and did serve for the space of 18 months under the said Hampton in Captain John Giles' company.

This deponent knows that the said O'Bannon was a good soldier, that he was most of the time in the service much with Colonel Kimbrell -- That he was a man of Truth and Honesty, that he will has no doubt of his veracity --

This deponent further saith that he did not know that the said O'Bannon was living 14 years last until the 18th Instant. Sworn to & subscribed this 20th of December 1834 Before me S/ Nathan Boon, JP

S/ James Ayres



[Facts in file: p 4: letter dated February 15, 1837 makes reference to Sampson O'Bannon as being the son of the veteran and Delilah O'Bannon, the widow of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Georgia militia.]

⁹ [James Ayres R334](#)