

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Stephens S31990

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State of Georgia Laurens County: Superior Court Laurens County October Term 1832

On this the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Sessions at one of its regular terms Benjamin Stephens a resident of the state and County aforesaid aged seventy years the twelfth [could be twentieth] day of last May 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 enlisted in the Army of the State Troops of North Carolina in the latter part of the year 1777 or the commencement of the year 177? [last digit written over and illegible but presumably "8"] this deponent does not now remember which – that he resided in Onslow County North Carolina when he enlisted and that he enlisted for the term of one year, that his Captain was named Cray perhaps Scott or Joseph Scott Cray – that his Colonel was named Herritage – perhaps and as well as he recollects John Herritage – that the General who commanded was named Caswell that the company to which he the said Stephens belonged was [indecipherable word, looks like "distanand"] a short time before he served out the year for which he enlisted – that during this Service he was in no general battle or engagement with the British but that he was in a [word written over and indecipherable] and numerous skirmishes against the [word written over and indecipherable] – that shortly after the close of this service – the date he cannot remember he was in the service as a state troop three months that he served as a volunteer from Onslow County in the State of North Carolina under Captain Kelly Jones – Colonel George Mitchell & General George Linnington [probably a mistaken reference to John Alexander Lillington] – commander that during this last service – he was in the battle of Bluford's bridge near Wilmington in the State last aforesaid, on a Creek called limestone – that during these two tours aforesaid he was marched almost all on the State of North Carolina in pursuit of Tories and it was understood they were doing mischief – That shortly after the close of this last campaign – he volunteered in Onslow County aforesaid under Captain Hull [?] Jones for three months his time stationed at Swansboro in North Carolina to keep the British from landing at that place. And that during all these tours he served as a private soldier – That the first term he went out to be gone one year but was discharged about a month before the end of the year as best as he can recollect. That he was out three months in each of the last mentioned campaigns – that soon after the close of the last one – the date he does not remember, he served under General

