

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Majors S32392

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State of Alabama Dallas County:

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Anderson Crenshaw one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State aforesaid Benjamin Majors a resident of said County of Dallas and State aforesaid aged Seventy-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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the Army of the United States in February of 1779 with Col. Robert Goodwin and served in the Regiment (number of Regiment not recollected) of the line (number of line not recollected) under the following named officers Major Francis Goodwin, Lieut. Andrew Lester and Capt. William Lang that he left the service in July 1779 that he lived in Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina when he entered the service that he never was in any battle, but he was with the Army of General Moultrie [William Moultrie] who retreated from Black Swamp to Charleston pursued by General Prevost [Augustine Prevost], that during his service he marched from Congaree to Orangeburg, from thence to round O, from thence to the Horse Shoe, from thence to Pond Pond [sic, Pon Pon, or Edisto River] from thence to cross Pocatalico [River], from thence to Black Swamp and from thence to Charleston as aforesaid, he further states that after he served his time out as volunteer as aforesaid he was drafted and served under Col. Robert Goodwin aforesaid in the latter part of the year 1779 and that he left the service in the spring or summer of 1780 (the particular length of time he served as a drafted soldier he does not recollect but believes it was in all five months that he lived in Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina when he entered the service, that he never was in any battle, that during his service he was stationed at Orangeburg one month until the third Division relieved him (he being in the 2nd) when called out again And was stationed at the four holes Bridge under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] where he remained for one month until he was relieved by the first Division when called out again he was stationed at Orangeburg under Col. Hunter where he remained two months he was afterwards as well as his fading memory informs him a guard to the Magazine at Camden under Capt. John Chestnut, where he remained one month. He believes that this he throws and ammunition wagon from Camden to Fort Charlotte or Mecklenburg in North Carolina after which he went out of the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Majors, X his mark

### Interrogatories

Put to Applicant for Pension by the Court now sitting

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Pendleton District in the State of South Carolina in the year 1761

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

Ans. I have a record of my age which I have present before the court to see

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

Ans. I have lived since the Revolutionary War and the State of South Carolina and now live in Dallas County in the State of Alabama.

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

Ans. I first went into the service as a volunteer 2<sup>nd</sup> as a drafted militia man

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

Ans. I remember the name of General Wayne who commanded the Troops I was with Col. Goodwin and also Major Francis Goodwin a Regiment in the South Carolina Militia I recollect no Continental Regiment

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

Ans. I was first discharged when Capt. Lang's Company was discharged by Sgt. Samuel Luckey we were discharged by messes and the discharge was given to one of the mess and I do not know what became of it.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ans: I am acquainted with Wylie J. Sorrell and Willis Nunnelee who are now present and many others who are not present.

[Mrs. Jane Grant, 65, sister of the veteran, gave a supporting affidavit. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Wylie J. Sorrell, a clergyman, and Willis Nunnelee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared also in Open court Benjamin Majors being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but that according to the best of his recollection that he served not less than the periods set forth in his declaration and in the grade of a common soldier and for which I claim my pension.

S/ Benjamin Majors, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia.]