

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Rowan S35049

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State of South Carolina Chester District

Personally appeared Benjamin Rowan who being duly sworn Deposeth that in the month of March 1776, he the said Deponent enlisted as a private Soldier in the 6th Regiment of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter, and that he served in said Regiment until the first of June 1777, at which time he was duly discharged by Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter].

The said Deponent further saith on oath that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before made this 16 July 1818

S/ Benjamin Rowan

S/ Langdon Cheves,

One of the Associate Justices of the

Court of Common Pleas of the State aforesaid

I do hereby certify that the within named Benjamin Rowan performed the services mentioned in the within Deposition, that I knew him in the service, and that he obtained a discharge there from.

S/ Jno Buchanan¹

Captain 5th Regiment South Carolina
in the Revolutionary War

South Carolina Chester District: Before me Charles Jones Colcock one of the associate Judges of the State aforesaid personally appeared Benjamin Rowan of said District & being duly sworn maketh declaration on oath, that he Enlisted as a regular soldier in the Revolutionary Army in the month of March in the year 1776 and Captain James Duff's Company in the 6th South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter (now General Sumter), for the term of fifteen months. And that he faithfully served the tour of his Enlistment; (and in the office of Sergeant) and was regularly discharged about the first of June 1777 by said Colonel Thomas Sumter under his own hand to which he (the deponent) was duly sworn to on or about the 16th of July 1818, before the Honorable Langdon Cheves one of the associate Judges of this State; and placed in his hands the said discharge with the other necessary vouchers of his service & indigent circumstances; to be forwarded to the War Office as an application for the benefit of the Act of Congress passed in March 1818 Entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." And that he hath received

¹ John Buchanan BLWt271-300

no account of the same since, whether passed or rejected; And is doubtful whether the said papers may not somehow or other be lost or mislaid as the other applications made at the same time (or he understands) had been all returned from the War department.

The deponent also further declares, that after his other discharge, he volunteered in the month of June or July 1778 for the term of 9 months to complete the 4th North Carolina Continental Battalion, commanded by Colonel Thackston [James Thackston] (called North Carolina New Levies), that he faithfully served out the said term of 9 months, and was raised duly discharged at the 23 mile house above Charleston in South Carolina, after the Battle at Stono, where he had been engaged with the Enemy. For which services, he never received his Bounty which was to have been \$100 and but a small portion of his pay he thinks \$6, when he was discharged. Which discharge he now also presents And further saith, that he is now in the 67th year of his age, and in indigent circumstances, and greatly needs the assistance of his Country for support --

Sworn to & subscribed this 6th day of November 1819 before me
S/ C. J. Colcock, Judge S/ Benjamin Rowan

Chester District: Personally appeared Robert Cowley² of said District & declares on oath that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Rowan the foregoing Deponent that he (said Benjamin) was a Sergeant in said Captain James Duff's Company in the 6 South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter and served with him the whole of the said 15 months; and that they were both discharged at the same time. And that he has reason to believe said Rowan is now in indigent circumstances, & needs the assistance of his country.

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of November 1819
S/ Hugh Knox, JQ S/ Robert Cowley, X his mark

Esquire before me Charles Boyd³ one of the Justices of the Quorum in and for said district and made oath agreeable to law that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Rowan the foregoing deponent and to his certain knowledge said Benjamin Rowan was Sergeant in Captain James Duff's Company in the 6 South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter and served as such in said Company and Regiment from early in the Month of May 1776 (that being the time the said Hugh Knox joined the Regiment) until sometime in June 1777 when the Regiment was discharged agreeable to the terms of enlistment the deponent and the said Benjamin Rowan being discharged on one and the same day.

Sworn before made this 3rd day of November 1819
S/ Charles Boyd, JQ S/ Hugh Knox

South Carolina Chester District: In the Court of Common Pleas Spring Term 1821

On this 5th day of April A.D. 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the District and State aforesaid Benjamin Rowan aged sixty-nine years on the 3rd day of July next resident the said State of South Carolina and District of Chester who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows he enlisted in the month of March 1776 in the 6th Regiment South Carolina Continentals commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Captain James Duff's company, for fifteen months and served the full time of his enlistment and was regularly

² [Robert Cowley S39336](#)

³ [Hugh Knox W10180](#)

discharged which discharge has been forwarded on to the war department also that he served nine months on the Continental Establishment in the 4th Regiment of North Carolina commanded by Colonel Thackston and was regularly discharged and which discharge, with similar declarations to the above have likewise been forwarded to the War department and that he has received a pension Certificate dated the 5th day of March 1819 and supposed to be No. 7271.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and that I am by occupation a Farmer and that from old age and infirmities attendant there on and particularly a dislocated wrist I am unable to pursue manual labor so as to sufficiently support myself and that my family consist only of one daughter named Mary upwards of 25 years of age and the only child I have nor is there any other person from whom I can expect any assistance or support and do consider myself in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the aid of my Country. Sworn to and declared on the __ day of April A.D. 1821 before me in open Court

S/ Abm Nott

S/ Benjamin Rowan

A Schedule of the property of Benjamin Rowan made this 30th day of March 1821 in compliance with the Act of Congress of the first of May 1820 in order to continue his Pension from the United States Bedding & Wearing Apparel only excepted

6 pewter tin ware Crockery Ware etc.	\$7
Pot ware Crook smoothing Irons etc.	4.50
Water Vessels Barrels etc.	1.75
Tables old Chairs Trunk & Chest	3.12 ½
Old Books one Sol.	1
Looking Glass Jug Decanter Bottles etc.	1.50
Wheel & Reels	3.50
Old Saddles & Bridles	3.25
Hogs Consisting of Sows & pigs Shoats etc.	17
Plantation Tools Greers etc.	8.50
Old Loom & Tachling	3
one Horse 15 years old	30
one Do Same age a Cripple	10
3 Cows & Calves \$10 Each	30
about 75 lbs Bacon 10 cts p. lb	7.50
about 10 Bushels Corn for which I am indebted at 50 cts	5
One old gun & Shotbag	4
also in old to the 3rd part of a tract of land of the lowest quality said to contain 150 acres & the cleared ground mostly worn out & unfit for correlation say worth a dollar \$.50 per acre	<u>75</u>

		\$215.62 ½
I am also due the following debts		
viz.	To Col William Anderson	\$8.62 ½
	To Danl. G. Hanson	11.16
	To Alex Walker	15
	To Wm Walker (BS)	<u>3</u>
		\$37.78 ½
	Deduct	<u>37.78 ½</u>
	Clear Value	\$177.84
		S/Benjamin Rowan

Benj. Rowan Sgt. Having completed his Term of Service (Nine Months) in the fourth N C Battalion, agreeable to Act of Assembly, he is hereby discharged and is entitled to all the Privileges specified in the Act of Assembly for completing the Continental Battalions of North Carolina.

Given under my Hand, this 9th Day of [illegible] 1779
S/ [illegible initial] Armstrong, Major Commandant

This is to Certified that Benj. Rowan a Soldier in Captain Duff's Company in the Sixth South Carolina Regt commanded by Col Thos Sumter time of enlistment by Act of Convention is this day Expired and is therefore Discharged from said Regiment

Given Under my hand this 1st day of June 1777
S/ Thos Sumter