

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Bolton S37795

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State of Alabama Dallas County: County Court February Session 1821

On this 7th day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record by the laws of the State of Alabama by which it has been established & further by its proceedings being according to the course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount – keeping a record of its proceedings & from which a Writ of Error lies to a Superior Tribunal) for the County of Dallas in the State aforesaid Benjamin Bolton aged fifty-seven years who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 –

That he the said Benjamin Bolton enlisted for the term of twelve months sometime during the year 1781 or 2 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of North Carolina that he continued to serve in said Corps the whole term for which he had enlisted when he was discharged from the said Service at Ashley Hill in the State of South Carolina, & that the Certificate of the said officer under whom he served of his honorable discharge having been accidentally lost he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services than what is here prosecuted

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

S/ Benjamin Bolton, X his mark

Schedule

two cows & calves worth \$40

one horse worth \$40

ten head of hogs worth \$20

S/ Benjamin Bolton, X his mark

My occupation is that of a farmer which I am unable to pursue. I have nine children now residing with me & dependent on me for support – Rebecca 20 years old, Rachel 22 – Gulley 18, Betsey 16, Benjamin 14, James of 13, Edwin 12, Owen 10, George 9 who are all enabled to labor in such manner as is usual for persons of their age & sex to do

S/ Benjamin Bolton, X his mark

State of Alabama Dallas County: I Benjamin Bolton do solemnly swear that I volunteered in the Army of the United States & in the service of the United [states] under the Command of Captain Armstrong in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle & in a Brigade Commanded by General Nathanael Greene in the year 1782 & before the conclusion of the peace which succeeded the revolutionary war – that I served in the Army of the United States about fifteen months during that War. That I joined the Army in Richmond County in the State of North Carolina – that I was discharged at Ashley Hill in the State of South Carolina. That I lost my discharge in March 1814 by getting wet in crossing Clinch River in the State of Tennessee. That I never knew until a few weeks since that there was a provision in the law for persons serving in the revolutionary war to obtain pensions is the reason why I have not applied before this time. That I am now fifty-five years of age that I have a wife about forty-six years of age that I have nine children living with me at the present time 4 daughters & 5 sons that my sons are mostly small that the whole of my family are dependent on me for support. That I have lived in this State & whilst it was a Territory upwards of two years that previous to that time in Tennessee & Kentucky five years & previous to that time from the time of my service I lived in Richmond County in the State of North Carolina. That the whole of my estate (except two qu [sic, quarter] Sections & half of land) consists of a small quantity of household furniture & a very small stock the whole of which is not worth exceeding \$100. That the land which I had entered at the land office at Cahawba [sic, Cahaba] is mortgaged to Frederick Sheffield for the sum of \$160 or thereabouts the term of which expired about March next that I have no means whatever whereby I can raise the money & must without other relief lose the same. That from age & infirmity I am unable by my own labor longer to maintain my family having for several years toiled incessantly for a small allowance of the necessities of life. That my occupation is that of a farmer in which business I have been employed for a support ever since I left the service. That I have no other evidence than my own affidavit whereby I can establish my claim to a pension agreeably to the laws of the United States

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 23rd November 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that Benjamin Bolton a private in Captain Armstrong's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in the year 1781 "no doubt for 12 months," and that he, "left the service on the 1st December 1782.["] –

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 17th of January 1822

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Benjamin Bolton a private in Captain Armstrong's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered

in the year 1781 and left the service on the 1st of December 1782. He was no doubt, enlisted for 12 months and served out his time.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 17: on June 18, 1859, in Dallas County Alabama, Edwin Bolton, Sarah B. Ladd, Rachel Eggel & Benjamin Bolton, children of Benjamin Bolton deceased filed a claim for the arrears do their father; that he died February 12, 1843; that he died with no widow surviving and only the children named above (plus George L. Bolton) as his heirs.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 15, 1824 one year service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]