

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Minton¹ S38949

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State of Virginia, County of Lee

On this first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen before me Peter Johnston one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia appointed by law to perform the judicial duties of the thirteenth circuit which comprehends the County of Lee personally presented himself, Ebenezer Minton, of the County of Lee and State of Virginia, aged fifty nine, and on oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the war of the revolution," passed on the __ day of __ in the year 1818 [March 18, 1818]: that he enlisted in the service of the United States on the eleventh day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventeen seventy seven in the Third regiment of calvary on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel George Baylor of Virginia and belonged to the troop whose Captain was Churchill Jones; that his first term of enlistment which he entered into at Pattonsburg in Virginia was for three years; that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty his first term of service having expired, he again enlisted in the same regiment, then commanded by Colonel William Washington for the war, and remained in service until the end of the war when he was regularly discharged but has long since lost his discharge. That he was at the surprise of the American detachment composed in part of his regiment at Paoli [September 21, 1777]² in the State of Jersey: at the defeat of Colonel Abraham Buford [Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780];³ at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781];⁴ at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781];⁵ at the second battle of Camden [also known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781],⁶ and at the battle of the Eutaw Spring [September 8, 1781]:⁷ and that from his reduced circumstances, he stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support.

¹ BLWt12361-100 Issued Dec. 27 1794 No papers. The reason there are no papers regarding this bounty land warrant issued in 1794 is that the British burned the records of the War Department in 1814.

² <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/770921-paoli/> but see footnote 9 below

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

Given under my hand and private seal at Lee Courthouse in the State of Virginia on the day and year first above written.

S/Peter Johnston

I, Peter Johnston, one of the Judges of the General Court of the State of Virginia, appointed by law to perform the judicial duties of the thirteenth circuit, do hereby certify that it appears to my satisfaction, that Ebenezer Minton, who made the preceding declaration, did serve in the American army in the war of the revolution, for a period much longer than one year; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support. And I herewith transmit the evidence and proceedings taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of war. Given under my hand and seal at Lee Court-house in the State of Virginia, on the first day of September in the year 1819.

S/ Peter Johnston

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Virginia, Lee County, to wit:

On this 26th day of September 1820, personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record established by said County by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, Ebenezer Minton, aged Sixty years, a resident in said County, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit: that he enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Army in the year 1777 on the 11th August, as well as he recollects, under ___ Fitzpatrick⁸ of the dragoons. That he was marched under Fitzpatrick to Fredericksburg in Virginia and was placed in the third Troop of Cavalry commanded by Capt. Churchill Jones in the Regiment commanded by Col. ___ Baylor. That he wintered in Fredericksburg the Winter of 1777 and in the spring following marched to the north and was in the surprise at Paoli where Col. Baylor was badly wounded and never again joined the Regt. and Major Clough [Alexander Clough] was killed.⁹ That after the said surprise and defeat, the command of the Regiment was given to Colonel Washington. That he continued in the Washington's Regiment of Cauvery until the end of the war. That during his service he was in several engagements in the South among which were the defeat of Buford; at Moncks Corner [April 14, 1780];¹⁰ the battle of the Cowpens; the battle of Guilford; and the battle of the Eutaw Springs, where Colonel Washington was taken prisoner. That his first enlistment was for three years at the end of which in Hillsborough in North Carolina he again enlisted for during the war in the same troop of Cavalry then commanded by Captain William Barrett or Captain Churchill Jones (he does not recollect which) in Col. Washington's same Regiment of Cavalry. That at the end of the war he was discharged on the Santee River in South Carolina by Major John Watts, who commanded the Regiment after the capture of Colonel Washington. That for this said service he made his declaration before the Honorable Peter Johnston, Esquire, Judge of the 13th judicial circuit of Virginia on the first day of September 1819 to entitle him to the provisions of the law of the United States of the 18th March, 1818 and obtained from the Secretary of War, a pension certificate dated the 8th day of October 1819, numbered 15,306. And I do hereby swear

⁸ Most likely a mistaken attempt to name Capt. Peregrine Fitzhugh of Baylor's 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons

⁹ Sue Minton Lancaster points out her husband found that Col. George Baylor was surprised at Tappan or Baylor's Massacre, not at Paoli as stated by the veteran. That engagement occurred sometime between 1 and 3 AM on September 28, 1778. There is a detailed description of this engagement posted online at

<https://web.archive.org/web/20051215000743/http://www.rivervalenj.org/History.htm> [viewed 4/12/2024]

¹⁰ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moncks_corner.html

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, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the 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 anyone 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, to wit: one mare and Colt and two other Mares, Five Cows & Calves, Four two year old heifers, one yearling steer, Twenty seven head of sheep, Twenty eight head of hogs, mostly small, Two Barshear ploughs, Two pair of horse gear, three cleavers, Two shovel ploughs & single trees, Four old Axes, five weeding hoes, Two mattocks, One double tree, one handsaw & drawing Knife, one Auger, one large kettle, two pots, Two ovens, Two pot racks, one pair shovel & tongs, Two pewter dishes, eighteen old pewter plates, fifteen delf plates, five Knives & forks, one set Cups and Saucers, one Cream mug, one Coffee pot, one Sugar bowl, one set Table spoons, four Water pails, one rifle gun, one Churn, Nine Old Tin Cups, One Old saddle, one Smoothing Iron, & one Iron wedge.

S/ Ebenezer Minton, X his mark

The said Ebenezer Minton also upon his oath declared that he has no occupation but that of a farmer. And that, although he is subject to the infirmities incident to his age, he still performs what labour he can on the farm. That having no land of his own, he has to depend on renting. That his wife, Elizabeth, is about Fifty five years of age and not more infirm than is common at that age. That he has five Children living with him, whose names and ages are as follows, to wit: Isaac, aged Seventeen years; Ebenezer aged fifteen years; Liddy aged thirteen years; Betsey aged eleven years & Vardeman aged nine years, all of whom can do something towards their support. Beside whom he has two Orphaned Grandchildren to raise whose names and ages are as follows, to wit: Washington Minton aged seven years & Preston Minton aged five years. That he owes the following sums of just debts to the following persons, to wit: James W. Hice \$58.88; A. M. Preston & Co. \$4.72; Joseph Meeks \$26.50; widow Fairchild \$15.00; widow Meek \$10.00; Peter Mays \$5.00; John Taylor \$4.00; Thomas Dobbs \$10.00; Jonathan Thompson \$16.66; William Poston \$7.00; John Clark \$3.00; widow Talbot \$2.00; widow Logan \$2.00; Peter Fulkerson \$1.50 amounting in the whole to \$166.26 and one third Cents: And which, if his Country withholds her bounty he will be entirely unable to pay without being involved in total ruin in the decline of his life. And that from his reduced circumstances, he stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for his support.

Sworn to and declared the 26th day of December 1820 before the Court of Lee County.

Test: S/ Charles Carter, C. L. C.

[The Clerk valued the property of the veteran at \$255.12 ½]

[p 3: On May 12, 1826 Blount County Tennessee, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Virginia agency to the Tennessee agency giving as his reason for moving to Tennessee was to be with his children as they had moved there. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 1, 1819, for service as a private for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]