

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Elkanah Benton S41429
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State of North Carolina, Pasquotank County

On this sixth day of June 1821, before us, composing the court of the County & state aforesaid, being a Court of record for the County, appeared personally in open Court, Elkanah Benton, aged about seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820: that he the said Elkanah Benton enlisted for the term of one year on the 16th of May at Nixonton, in the County & state aforesaid in the year 1782 in the company commanded by Lieutenant Abner Lamb, of the first Regiment of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment: that he was at one time, he believes, under the command of Colonel Hardy Murfree & by him ordered on to Halifax, & thence to Fayetteville, at which place the detachment received orders from Captain Winslow to proceed on to Elizabeth, a small town on the Cape Fear [River] & below Fayetteville from thence the detachment proceeded on to Georgetown, S. C., and was discharged at said place: which discharge he has lost, having served nine months, in the regular service. The detachment to which this applicant belonged was engaged in no regular battle, but while on its march to Georgetown S. C. was frequently engaged in detecting & taking of deserters & Tories, a service fatiguing & hazardous. He further declares, that he has no further evidence, except the testimony of Nathaniel Gordon, James Cartwright & Benjamin Allen, as to his services aforesaid.

And in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property, so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818: & 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 annexed & by me subscribed: viz.:

Schedule

1 lot, say ten hogs=worth about \$2 ea.	\$20
1 do, poultry 20 head	3
Pork about a barrel & 4 bushels of corn	12
1 Lot furniture (trifling) say	<u>10</u>
	\$45

His family consists of a wife, aged about 55 years, healthy, one daughter Margaret about 35 years, afflicted with Rheumatism & an expance to her father: & one daughter Elizabeth, aged 14 years able bodied. His other children are married & lived to themselves.

Sworn to & signed by the said Elkanah Benton, the day & year aforesaid in open Court.
S/ Elkanah Benton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing June 6, 1821, for 9 months service from 1782 as a private in the North Carolina line.]