

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin O'Bannon S4629

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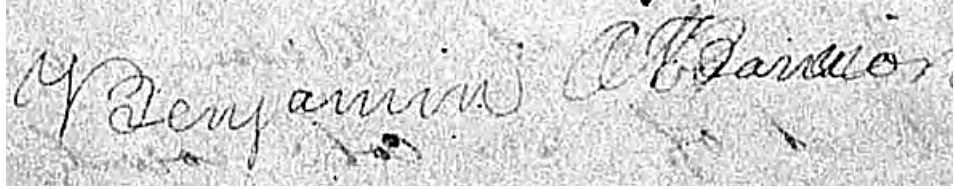
State of Kentucky Lincoln County: Sct.

On this 24th day of December in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Lincoln County now sitting, Benjamin O'Bannon a resident of Lincoln County State of Kentucky aged seventy-three 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 Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Fauquier & State of Virginia on the 23rd day of November in the year 1759. There is a record of his age in Virginia. He first entered the service of the United States as a soldier in the [year] '75 but from old age and loss of memory he cannot now recollect the precise period either of entering or leaving the service. However he was at Philadelphia at the time – he went out under Captain John Blackwell of the 3rd Virginia Regiment Continental Line – Rangell and Powell were also Captains. He served nearly three months was discharged and then returned to his residence in Fauquier: he ~~immediately~~ raised a company of about 100 men joined the Army at Valley Forge entered the service as a volunteer, in the 3rd Virginia Regiment under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Colonel Heath [William Heth], through their influence and instrumentality he was commissioned as Captain, his commission was signed by someone whose name he does not recollect & has long since been lost. He was in the service more than three years all which time held the office of Captain – he cannot recollect when he left the service: but these facts indelibly impressed upon his memory for he carries upon his body a remembrance viz. – That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Brunswick (or some such name) at Monmouth he was wounded – he was in many skirmishes. We marched from Virginia through Maryland to Lancaster in Pennsylvania & through the Jerseys to West Point: he remained at West Point one winter and it was at that place he left the Army: but was afterwards in several skirmishes. This applicant does not now know of any living witness whose testimony he can procure as to his services as set forth except as far as the deposition of Thomas B. Maddox proves it. There may be still some in Virginia but of this he is not certain and if he were he could not nor would not go for them. His name is he is informed on the Roll at Washington City & there certainly is some evidence their of his having been a Captain in the Service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin O'Bannon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin O'Bannon". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[Joseph Hall, a clergyman, and Alfred Hocker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Deposition of Thomas B. Maddux taken at the office of L. Hunton in Stanford Kentucky on the 30th day of November 1832 before Henry Wheat Esquire one of the Commonwealth's Justice of the peace for Lincoln County taken in [one or more indecipherable words] of Benjamin O'Bannon an applicant for a pension. This Deponent being first duly sworn states that he has been acquainted with Benjamin O'Bannon now of Lincoln County Kentucky upwards of 50 years – he has no doubt that the said Benjamin O'Bannon is seventy-three years of age. This deponent knows that the said O'Bannon entered the service of the United States in the Army of the revolution under Captain John Blackwell of Fauquier County Virginia he cannot now recollect the precise date when the said O'Bannon entered the Army or when he returned. Deponent further states that said O'Bannon was acknowledged & reputed after his return from the Army a Captain: He was always so deemed and is to the present time. The said O'Bannon served upwards of two years – He has been always acknowledged & considered a soldier of the Revolution and a very worthy one. Given under my hand this 30th November 1832

S/ Thos. B. Maddux

The applicant Benjamin O'Bannon filed his declaration expecting to receive a pension as Captain; his papers were sent on to the Department; his name was found enrolled as a private only; the evidence adduced was not fall sufficient to authorize a pension as Captain and the papers returned; the applicant is old, infirm and needy he knows of no other testimony in relation to his services than that already offered and in possession of the Department – If upon further consideration his claim as an officer cannot be allowed it will be understood that he so far modified it as to make the claim as a private and as for a pension accordingly.

S/ Logan Hunton
Attorney for B. O'Bannon

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]