

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Betterton S6612

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The State of South Carolina, Anderson District, 1833

On this fifth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas of said State aforesaid District now in session Joshua Betterton of the State & District aforesaid who being 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.

This Deponent was born in Frederick County Maryland and removed to Spartanburg in South Carolina shortly before the Revolutionary War commenced in his 17th year but has lost the record of his age and can in no other way State his age precisely. He lived there during the struggle and first entered the service as a volunteer under Captain William Smith with whom he served three months-- was afterwards drafted and served a tour of eight months into Georgia under the command of General Twiggs [John Twiggs] – Colonel Manual & Major Boykin [probably Francis Boykin] – was in the battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] and another on the Ogeechee [River] against the Tories. He was afterwards in a tour against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Col. Charles James. He was again out on a tour of three months under Captain Smith to Bacon's Bridge about the end of which term peace was made. This Deponent believes himself to have been in the service for two years. He never had a discharge nor has he received any compensation for his service. Knows of no direct proof he can now make of his services other than from reputation certificates of which accompany this declaration. Sworn to and subscribed the fifth day of March 1833 in open Court 5th March 1833.

S/ Joshua Betterton, X his mark

S/ Van A. Lawhon [?], CC

[John B. Chappell & Thomas Skelton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Joshua Betterton of the State and District aforesaid appeared personally before me and being duly qualified on oath declares as follows amendatory of the Declaration made by him in open Court on the 5th of March 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

His first tour of three months under Captain William Smith was entered upon about the time of planting Corn either March or April in the year 1780 and he was marched in the direction of and into the neighborhood of Augusta and was attached to the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln].

His eight months tour was commenced in February in the year 1781 – on the first day of which months he is satisfied they commenced the march. His tour against the Indians since he comes to recollect dates was for one month (the month of March) in 1782 – His Captain was not out this time and he was commanded by Lieutenant O'Shields and his last three months tour in his original declaration to Bacon's Bridge was before the tour against the Indians was in November 1781.

Sworn to & subscribed before me they were 21st 1834.

S/ Joseph N. Whitner, Notary Public, Q Co. Ex Off.

S/ Joshua Betterton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the South Carolina troops. It appears from the application filed by the veteran that he served in the Georgia militia as well as the South Carolina militia.]