

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Benton S6613
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State of North Carolina Montgomery County

On this day the 21st day of November 1833 Personally appeared before us William Ledbury and Daniel McAuley two of the Acting Justices of the peace for said County Job Benton a resident of Montgomery County and State of North Carolina aged eighty-nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the service of the United States on the 19th day of July 1776 as a militia man (the militia having been classed and it then following to his time to go into the service[]) he was mustered at Davys Creek and marched against the Cherokee Indians from Anson [County] the part now called Montgomery County to the towns where said Cherokees lived Captain Hog [could by Hay] Colonel David Love being the Colonel in command that he served three months in this tour as a private and was discharged verbally and that he received no written discharge. In his next tour he volunteered in the month of October 1780 as a militia man and a private for three months and served out said three months in the in the early part of 1781 under Captain Patrick Boggan Colonel Wade being the Colonel in command that he was employed this to work in scouring and defending the Country against the Tories on the waters of the Pedee River and the edge of South Carolina received no written discharge but was discharged verbally.

In 1782 to the best of his knowledge he served a tour of about one month as a militia man & private under Captains Threadgill and Degernett and was stationed at the Grassy Islands on Pedee [River] most of the time guarding the country against the Tories.

He also served three months or more in several short tours as he was called on by the officers in command in the year 1781 & 1782 as a private as it was his constant practice to turn out when called on by the proper authority and continued in the service until duly discharged verbally discharged which was the common practice when he served that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Richard Bell¹ of the County of Randolph and Joseph Parsons² Esquire whose

¹ [Richard Bell W25231](#)

² [Joseph Parsons W4047](#)

affidavits are here with sent and his brother James Benton³ of Anson and Walter Leak Senior⁴ of Richmond by whom he could prove nothing more than he has proven by Richard Bell & Joseph Parsons.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. The several Interrogatories as follows were propounded by the magistrates in due form and he made the answers to each as follows

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Bertie County North Carolina in the year 1744 August the 31st.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have not but I had one of which I ascertained my age but it has been lost many years

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In Anson County NC and has lived ever since the year 1784 in the County of Montgomery NC and now lives there

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. In my first tour I was drafted or was called out by the classification of the militia in my term as before stated. In my next tour of three months I volunteered. In the balance of my service I was called out by the officers in command

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. There were no regular troops or officers of that description in the service with me that I know except Colonel Thomas Threadgill who was called an officer of the regular troops but I do not know whether he had a commission or not. The general circumstances of my service were as before stated in this declaration. I was always ready and never flinched when called upon to perform any duty

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received any written discharge from the service but in every case received a verbal discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answered Joseph Parsons Esquire, William Ledbury Esquire and Daniel McAuley Esquire and Edward Debery all know me and can speak of my credibility. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Benton, X his mark

[William Ledberry, JP and Daniel McAuley, JP gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[William Bruton, a clergyman, and Edmund Deberry⁵ gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

³ [James Benton R786](#)

⁴ [Walter Leak S7136](#)

⁵ DEBERRY, Edmund, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Lawrenceville (now Mount Gilead), Montgomery County, N.C., August 14, 1787; attended school at High Shoals; engaged in agricultural pursuits and

State of North Carolina Montgomery County

This day personally appeared before us Daniel McAuley & William Ledbery two of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Job Benton a soldier of the Revolutionary war and after being duly sworn and examined deposed and saith that he served in the militia service of the United States the tours as set forth in his Declaration of the 21st day of November 1833 and that in the two first tours of three months each which he has set forth in said Declaration one of three months against the Indians and one of three months under Captain Patrick Boggan Colonel Wade being in command he was constantly in service and was called out by offices duly authorized and prevented from attending to any of his domestic affairs at home and that the last tour of three months under Captain Boggan he served constantly & faithfully and is as he believes as much entitled to pay for a Pension for that as for any militia service they could be rendered as he was called out and kept out in constant service by offices duly authorized.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 22nd day of November 1834

S/ Daniel McAuley, JP

S/ Joseph Benton, X his mark

S/ Wm Ledberry, JP

State of North Carolina Montgomery County

This day Richard Bell of the County of Randolph came personally before me Edmund F Lilly an acting Justice of the peace of the County of Montgomery and made oath that he Served with Job Benton of the County of Montgomery a tour of three months in or about the year 1776 or 1777 and that the said Joseph Benton was then in the militia and served a tour of three months against the Cherokee Indians under Colonel David Love and that during the time they marched together to the Cherokee country and returned together to the place where they received their discharge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of November 1833.

S/ E. F. Lilly, JP

S/ Richard Bell, X his mark

State of North Carolina Montgomery County

Joseph Parsons came personally before us this day and made oath that while in the service of the United States in the year 1776 he saw Job Benton who is now an applicant for a Pension in the service of the United [States] in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians under Colonel Love but cannot say how long he served sworn to and subscribed before us this 21st day of November 1833.

S/ Wm Ledberry, JP

S/ Jos. Parsons

S/ Daniel McAuley, JP

also in the operation of cotton mills and flour mills; member of the State senate 1806-1811, 1813, 1814, 1820, 1821, and 1826-1828; served as justice of the peace; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1831); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1830 to the Twenty-second Congress; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and the Twenty-fourth Congresses; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth through the Twenty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1845); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Twenty-fifth through Twenty-eighth Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1844; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); was not a candidate for renomination in 1850; resumed his former agricultural and business pursuits; died at his home in Pee Dee Township, Montgomery County, N.C., December 12, 1859; interment in the family cemetery on his plantation near Mount Gilead.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]