

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Bonner S6681

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State of North Carolina Martin County: SS

On this 16th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting John Bonner a resident of Martin County aged seventy-six years 7th of October last 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States & served as herein stated. That he served a tour of four months as a substitute for Thomas Smith under the command of Captain Edward Hall – we were marched into Georgia & for about five days marched in Georgia when we returned into South Carolina and at Stono the battle was fought in which he participated. The battle he thinks lasted two hours & twenty minutes & was 20th June 1779 about this though he will not be positive. The whole Army was under the command of General Lincoln. I was taken sick during this tour & was discharged by Captain Lanier [sic, probably Lenoir] of Pitt County but have lost the discharge. The next tour I was drafted for three months after crossing the State line in which I actually served at least four months. I was placed under the command of Captain Exum Phillips of Edgecombe County John Riddick was Lieutenant & Simon Daniel Ensign. We were marched into South Carolina to Camden and there a battle ensued in which the Americans were defeated. The whole Army was under the command of General Gates. I was discharged at the Island Fort on the Yadkin River. I have though lost my discharge. I will was orderly Sergeant in this tour –

The last tour I was told that those that enlisted & furnished their horses should be exempt after two months service. Under this promise I enlisted in 1781, furnished my own horse & gun was placed under the command of Captain Crowill, Colonel James Read & served [indecipherable word or words] of two months. We were marched & joined General Greene's Army & was at the battle of Guilford Court House or rather we were about twenty miles when we heard of the battle & posting immediately for the ground we met our forces retreating about four miles from the battleground. I was marched from this place into South Carolina to Camden. Here I was taken sick & left on Pedee River & was there about five weeks when I received a

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discharge which is hereunto annexed. I have no documentary evidence or otherwise than here with submitted & I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year 1st written.

S/ Thomas W. Watts, Clk

S/ John Bonner, X his mark

[Joseph Briggs a clergyman & James Burroughs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Martin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1833

John Bonner the applicant within named appeared in open Court and who being duly sworn makes the following amendment to the within Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he served as stated within in the first term in 1779 as substitute for Thomas Smith as a private for four months under Captain Edward Hall & Colonel James Johnson of Edgecombe & General Lincoln and in the second term he served four months as orderly Sergeant in 1780 as a private under Captain Phillips, Colonel Benjamin Exum & General Gates and in the third term he served four months as a horseman under Captain Crowell, Colonel Read & General Greene which was equal to eight months service in the infantry as the officers informed us that those who would enlist for two months and furnished horse and gun should be exempt from three months service on foot. Answer by the applicant to the 1st interrogatory prescribed by the Department – I was born in Bertie County North Carolina according to the record of my parents on 7th of October 1756. Answer to 2nd Interrogatory – There was a record made by my parents which I had in my possession but my brother also had the record of the ages of his children in the same book and when he moved to Tennessee he carried the book with him where I expect it is now – Answer to 3rd Interrogatory – I was living in Martin County NC when I was called into service and have lived in said County ever since. Answer to 4th Interrogatory – In the first term I served as a substitute for Thomas Smith – In the second term I was drafted – on the third tour I enlisted as a horseman. Answer to 5th Interrogatory – The names of the officers I have stated above – I recollect that Colonel Dixon [sic] was a Colonel of a Continental Regiment and I believe I was in company with them in my second Tour. I recollect the names of Colonel Washington & Pulaski officers who commanded the Continental regiments who were in company with us – I refer to the annexed declaration for particulars of my service. Answer to 6th Interrogatory – I received regular discharges in every tour but I am not able upon examination to find any except the one hereto annexed and not expecting to need them I did not take care of them in the first tour from Captain Lenoir, in the second from Captain Phillips and in the third from Colonel Read. Answer to 7th Interrogatory – I could name many persons in my neighborhood who would testify as to my character and their belief of my services I refer more particularly to the annexed affidavit of Joseph Briggs as a clergyman upwards of sixty years of age and James Burroughs a Justice of the peace for Martin County.

S/ John Bonner

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 9th of July 1833

S/ Thomas W. Watts, Clk

State of North Carolina Martin County:

Personally appeared this 7th day of September 1833 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County John Bonner who made the annexed original and amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 who

being duly sworn deposed and saith that to the best of his knowledge and belief he served in the first tour in which he was discharged by Captain Lenoir at least 4 months. He was taken sick [indecipherable] days before the expiration of the term but continued on duty. He was then taken by orders of Colonel Johnson with about 50 others who were sick & placed under Captain Lenoir to bring home and by him this Deponent was discharged. In his second tour he served at least 4 months under Captain Phillips and was in the last tour 4 months in the cavalry which was to be equal to 8 months service on foot.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and date 1st mentioned.

S/ John Bonner

S/ Wm P. Pinnitt, JP [?]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private & Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]