

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Tyner S7772

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State of North Carolina, Robeson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February term 1833

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Shadrach Howell, James Storm and Charles Moore Justices presiding in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Robeson County, now sitting, Benjamin Tyner a resident of said County of Robeson in the State of North Carolina aged about ninety 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he does not recollect the year he entered the service, but thinks he was about thirty years old when he entered into service – that he first volunteered for the term of six months as a private in a Company of infantry militia commanded by Captain Frederick Herring, that at the time he volunteered he resided in the County of Wayne in this State, that immediately after he had volunteered under Captain Herring, the Company to which he was attached with other companies, were organized under the command of Colonel Benjamin Exum of said County of Wayne, and that he with the Regiment were marched by the said Col. Exum to the town of Kingston [sic, Kinston] in this State. That upon arriving at Kinston Colonel Exum delivered over the command of the companies marched there by him to Col. Jarvis [probably either Samuel Jarvis or Thomas Jarvis, both of the Currituck County Regiment of militia] of the North Carolina militia. This Declarant states, that he then marched under the command of Colonel Jarvis to the Town of Hillsboro thence across Haw and Deep rivers, thence to Cole's Bridge across Drowning Creek at which place the troops commanded by Colonel Jarvis had a fight with a party of Tories – that he this declarant was at that engagement, that the Tories were defeated and fled, that in a few days after this engagement and while the troops of Colonel Jarvis were stationed at said bridge he was joined by a body of troops commanded by Colonel Sowell [Benjamin Seawell or Sowell] of the North Carolina militia, That on leaving Cole's Bridge the troops under the command of Colonel Jarvis and those under command of Colonel Seawell marched to the town of Rockingham in the County of Richmond, and from thence to the fork of the Yadkin River, that when the troops arrived at this point this declarant and the company to which he was attached were placed under the command of Colonel Seawell and that Colonel Jarvis with a body of men went down towards the Pedee River –this Declarant states that he went with Colonel Seawell from the forks of the Yadkin to the town of Salisbury and there remained until his term of service expired which was six months. That a day or two before his term of service expired General Wilie Jones [Wiley Jones?] of the North Carolina Militia at the head of a large body of men arrived at Salisbury, and that this declarant after his term expired received his discharge from said General Jones. This Declarant states that during the whole of this tour of six

months, he was not at any time under the command of any Regular officer of the United States. That he has no documentary evidence whatever pertaining to his services in the war, that the discharge which he received from General Jones at Salisbury is lost and that he does not know of any person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service except John Woodill<sup>1</sup> of this County who knows that this declarant served for the six months above mentioned.

This Declarant further states that after returning home to Wayne County from the aforementioned tour – he remained at home for several months but not as much as a year when he volunteered again, as a light horseman in a Company of light dragoons commanded by Captain Joseph Boon of the aforesaid County of Wayne and served for the full term of three months – that during this term he with the rest of the company were employed in collecting and guarding provisions for the soldiers and seamen engaged in the Revolution. That he went through the Counties of Johnson [sic, Johnston], Wayne and Dobbs with a party of the said company along with Jonathan Broadstreet who was a Quarter Master with a drove of Hogs, which they carried to New Bern and delivered to the French engaged on the part of the United States and that the French put said hogs on board their vessels – this declarant states that he does not recollect the name of any of the officers of the French vessels. This Declarant states that after they delivered the hogs they returned through the said Counties of Dobbs, Wayne and Johnston and were engaged in collecting corn which they deposited in the different store houses which had been established in said Counties. That after being employed in collecting and storing the corn as aforesaid this declarant returned to the point of rendezvous about 12 miles below Bass' Ferry in Wayne County where Captain Boon had his Quarters, and that after his term of three months had expired this declarant there received a verbal discharge from the said Captain Boon. That during his term this declarant was not in any battle or skirmish – that he was not under any Regular officer, and that all the duty he performed was such as is above stated. This declarant states that he has no documentary evidence of his having served this term nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his having served this last mentioned term of three months. This Declarant states that he does not know any clergyman who is acquainted with his character or with his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution or with his age, there being no clergyman at this time residing near him.

This Declarant 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ A. McEachin, Clk

S/ Benjamin Tyner, X his mark

[Jacob Thompson and Wm Townsend gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the court to Benjamin Tyner as applicant for a pension

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Wayne County then a part of Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina but in what year I do not know.

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

Answer – I have not – but believe I am about 90 years old.

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

Answered – I was living in Wayne County in this State when I volunteered & entered into the service. I resided there for several years after the war afterwards for about seven years I

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1 [John Wooddill W3911](#)

lived in the Counties of Montgomery and Richmond in this State – and have lived in this County where I now reside for upwards of 28 years – in this County where I still live.

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

Answer: I volunteered at first for six months which term I served, and afterwards for three months which term also served

5<sup>th</sup> 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: I never served with any Regular troops nor under any Regular officer – during my first or six months tour. I served under Captain Frederick Herring, Colonel Benjamin Exum, Col. Jarvis, Colonel Seawell, and General Wilie Jones all of whom were officers in the North Carolina Militia – during my last or three months tour I served under Captain Joseph Boon, Captain of light dragoons in the North Carolina militia the circumstances connected with my service or more fully set forth in my declaration

6<sup>th</sup> 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 received at the expiration of my first term of service, from General Wilie Jones, which is lost – from Captain Boon I received a verbal discharge at the expiration of my last tour of service

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Answer: I am well known to Jacob Thompson and William Townsend who can testify as to my character for veracity and as to my reputation of having served as a soldier of the revolution.

State of North Carolina, Robeson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court John Wooddill who being first sworn in due form of law the truth to tell respecting his knowledge of Benjamin Tyner's having served as a soldier in the revolutionary war deposed and saith that he has known said Tyner ever since he this deponent was a boy that they lived within 3 or 4 miles of each other, that said Tyner live in Wayne and this deponent lived in Johnston County, both near the dividing line of the two counties – this deponent says that he knows that said Tyner was a soldier in the revolution, and that when he the said Tyner first volunteered he was in a company commanded by Captain Frederick Herring and that said Tyner marched under said Herring to Kinston that he did not see him during the war after he marched there, but believes that [he] served on that tour six months – this deponent saith that he has always been acquainted with said Tyner and has always understood that he served in said tour for six months and that he also served three months afterwards, under Captain Joseph Boon as a light horseman – this deponent further says that the said Tyner has always been reputed a man of truth, and entitled to credit.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 26 February 1833.

S/ John Wooddill, X his mark

S/ A. McEachin, Clerk

State of North Carolina Robeson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

Personally appeared in Open Court before us Donald M Queen, Thomas A Norment and Joseph C. Lee Justices Presiding in said Court Benjamin Tyner who being sworn the truth and

nothing but the truth to tell touching his service as a soldier in the War of the American Revolution makes the following statements in Amendment of his Declaration made at the last February Term of this Court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 to wit – That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the year he Entered the service first but from the best of his recollection after examination and reflection believes it was in the last of the Spring or first of the Summer of the year 1778, that he lived in Wayne County that he volunteered in a militia Company commanded by Captain Frederick Herring, that he served the term of six months in that tour as a private soldier and that all the incidents connected with said tour of service as mentioned in his Declaration are true – That he in the winter of same year again volunteered for three months in a company of light horsemen in Wayne County under Captain Joseph Boon and served as a private for three months – that all the facts stated in his declaration as connected with this tour of service are true – He further states that he is to the best of his knowledge and belief that he is now ninety years of age – that the only person whom he knows to be now living who can testify as to his service from personal knowledge is John Wooddill whose affidavit is affixed to his original declaration of which this is amendatory – that he has served as a soldier in the War of the American Revolution altogether 9 months for which service he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before us

S/ John Wooddill, X his mark [sic]

S/ D M Queen, JP

S/ Tho. A. Norment, JP

S/ Joseph C. Lee, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]