

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Bently s8063

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: SS

On this 9th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court Before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now sitting Thomas Bently of the State and County aforesaid aged 74 years who being 1st 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 officers and served as herein stated.

That he served in Captain Hall's company under the command of General Grane [sic, Nathanael Greene?], he believes in the 3rd Regiment (he does not remember the day or year) that he was at this time in an engagement against the Tories on the Grassy Islands of Pedee [River] & served three months = That he was drafted in this County and went from thence to Halifax and from thence to the headquarters at a place called the Pon Ponds [sic, Pon Pon, now known as the South Edisto River] near the Stone Oak [sic, Stono?] in South Carolina and remained there and about in that part of the Country twelve months which was the term of his Service at that time – and was then discharged which discharge he had kept until four or five years past when his house was burnt up and his discharge in it. He was born in the State of Virginia which place he left while an infant and have resided in the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina ever since that he has no record of his age – That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ R. H. Blount, DC

S/ Thomas Bently, X his mark

[Nathaniel Lockhart, a clergyman, Simon Kule and John Joiner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of Thomas Bently

Thomas Bently maketh oath that he cannot make any further proof of his services, that already proved, that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can aid him in support of his claim as Pensioner further than he has made, that he served in the 1st tour as stated in his

declaration 3 months and in the last 12 months.

S/ Thomas Bently

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court before me the 7th day of November A.D. 1833

S/ Arch'd Parker, Clk

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the year 1759 in Virginia the County not recollected

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

I have no record of my age

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

I lived in the County of Pitt North Carolina and have lived there ever since the Revolutionary war

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 – I was drafted

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 was General Greene, General Marion Captain Hall Sergeant McRea for the general Circumstances not recollected

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 did receive a discharge from General Greene and one from Colonel Armstrong which discharges I believe got burnt in my house

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.

Answer – there is John Jones, Nathaniel Lockhart David Kennedy

The said Bently further swears that he cannot recollect the date of his 12 months service mentioned in his declaration.

S/ Thomas Bently

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Bentley a private in Captain Hall's company of the 10th Regiment entered the service in 1781 for the term of 12 months and left the service the 1st of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 26 February 1834

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]