

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benoni Carlton S8154

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State of Virginia King & Queen [King and Queen] County to wit

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Benoni Carlton a resident of St Stephens Parish in King & Queen County and State of Virginia, aged sixty nine 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 as a militia man in the latter part of year 1780 or early in the month of January 1781, the militia were all called out, the place of rendezvous was Dunkirk then called Todds bridge in King & Queen County [4 mi N of present Aylett]. At Williamsburg a draft was made and he had the right to go home, but he took the place of his father in law Richard Rowe as his substitute, from Dunkirk he marched to Holts forge in New Kent, thence to Bacon's ordinary, thence to Williamsburg, thence some time in February he marched to Sandy Point on James River [near present Tettington], while there a vessel belonging to the British, with twelve white men & one black man on board was taken, by armed open boats, he then marched back to Williamsburg from Sandy point, the thirteen men taken on board the Vessel were carried to Williamsburg & put in jail. He marched from Dunkirk under the command of Capt Samuel Hoskins; at Sandy point he was in a company commanded by Capt Giles Reins – from Wmsburg he went to little York where he was commanded by Capt William Cowne, part of the time of his service was on his own account, part thereof as a substitute for Rich'd Rowe and a part as a substitute for William Bohannan; during his service he was at Malvern Hills on or near James River [12 mi SE of Richmond], at the halfway house between York & Hampton, at Hickoryneck Church [sic: Hickorynut Church 8 mi NW of Williamsburg], Birds [Bird's Ordinary near Hickorynut Church], Franks old ordinary, Brick House [on York River in New Kent County S of present West Point] and at Ware Church in Gloucester County at which last mentioned place he was discharged a few days before Lord Cornwallis was captured at Little York in October [19<sup>th</sup>] 1781, that he was under the command of Capt Bernard Todd for some time that while he was in service, Colo. Thos. Matthews [Thomas Mathews], Colo. James Baytop & Major Baytop were in command, that he has no documents which will shew his service, he knows of but two living witnesses who can give any evidence of his having served as a militia man in the Revolutionary war namely William Gatewood [pension application S8551] & Thomas Nunn [S5842] of King & Queen County who were in service with this applicant a part of the time. That from the time of his entering into service in December 1780 or January 1781 to the time of his discharge at Ware Church in Gloucester in October 1781 he was constantly in service except for a short time, he thinks not more than two or three weeks that he thinks altogether on his own account and as substitutes for Rich'd. Rowe & Wm Bohannan he served a little more than nine months that Rich'd. Rowe & Wm Bohannan are both dead, that he was honorably discharged – that King & Queen County in the state of Virginia was the place of his residence at the time of entering the service and he further states that while he was stationed at Malvern Hills, there were troops stationed there called General Whaynes [sic: Anthony Wayne's] troops.

The applicant 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 date aforesaid

[signed] Benoni Carlton

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the child of Benoni Carlton received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 26 Dec 1839.