

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Knox S8800

Transcribed by Peggy Reece Bruckner, 6/17/2009, spelling and punctuation is as found; within square brackets are transcriber's clarifications and comments.

State of North Carolina }

Rowan County }

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in afore Court before the Magistrates whom Judges of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting for Rowan County the same being a court of Record Benjamin Knox resident in said County - aged seventy two years [b. abt 1760] who being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain this benefit of the Act of Congress passes the 7th June 1832

That he has no record of his age - That he he [sic] was born & raised in Rowan County - That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier in the company of Capt John Sloan in the regiment of Col Hamright & Lieut Col Litle [Lytle or Little] went to Charleston in South Carolina where he served three months.

That he afterwards a volunteered in Capt Joseph Grahams [Joseph Graham's] Company in Col Dickens [or Dixon's] Regiment marched toward camden [Camden] in S. Carolina [South Carolina] moved about to several places between Charlotte & Camden this tour lasted three months --

That he was a minute man and was often out as a Soldier for a few days at a time which being added together would make about four months during which times of irregular service he was at the battle of Ramsour Mill [Ramsour's Mill] in Lincoln County -- at a skirmish at Colsons [Colson's] on rocky River [Rocky River] and at Cowans ford [Cowan's Ford] on the Catawba. He has no documentation evidence of his service

He hereby relinquishes all 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 to his knowledge

Sworn to & subscribed in open court

the day & year aforesaid --

Benjamin (his X mark) Knox

S/ John Giles

In the absence of any regular Clergyman

~~We~~ William Lucky [Luckie or Luckey] ~~and James Graham~~ residing in Rowan County do hereby certify that ~~we are~~ [I] am well acquainted with Benjamin Knox who has signed and sworn to the forgoing declaration; that ~~we~~ I believe him to be seventy two years of age that ~~we~~ I served in the army with him part of the time he mentions and having full confidence in his integrity & veracity beleave [sic believe] that he served as he states --

S/ William Luckie¹

S/John Giles

I Thomas L Cowan residing in Rowan County do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Benjamin Knox who has signed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that I believe him to be Seventy Two years of age that he is reputable and that he lived in this neighborhood where he resides when a Soldier of the revolution, and having confidence in his veracity I can concur on that opinion.

S/ Tho. L. Cowan

Sworn to & subscribed in open
Court November 20th 1832-

S/ Jno Giles, Clk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinions, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department, that the above applicant was a revolutionary war Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them William Luckie [Lucky or Luckey] and Thomas L Cowan who have signed the preceding certificate are credible persons residing in Rowan County that their statement is entitled to full credit November 20, 1832.

S/ J W Walton [,] Chairman

¹ [William Luckie S7165](#)

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section.

April 13, 1926.

L. W. Redington, Major, Q. M. C.
Office of Quartermaster General, U. S. A.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to advise you, that in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 8800, it appears that Benjamin Knox was born in Rowan Co, N. C. date not stated.

He served as a private in the N. C. Troops, from Jan 1780 for three months in Capt. John Sloan's Co. Col. Hamright's Regiment, and from the summer of 1780 for three months in Capt. Joseph Graham's Co. Col. Dixon's Regt. Date of death not on record. He was allowed pension, in 1833, aged seventy-three years.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT,
Commissioner.

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section.

June 17, 1926.

F. H. Pope, Colonel Q. M. C.
Office of Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to advise you, that your office was furnished on April 13, 1926, with the record of the only Benjamin Knox, S.8800, found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

He was alive in 1840,

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT,
Commissioner.

[Transcriber comment: Correspondence in this file indicates there was some confusion regarding when this Benjamin Knox died. The above letter was in response to an earlier inquiry regarding a 1926 War Department request to provide a headstone for the grave of a "Benjamin Knox, Private" who "Died 1832" and was "Buried in Third Creek Cemetery, Cleveland, North Carolina." However, Commissioner Winfield Scott produced a copy of a pension payment to this Benjamin Knox which was made by the Treasury Department for the period of "the 4th Sept 1839 to 4th March 1840." Therefore, this Benjamin Knox was still alive in 1840, and was not the Benjamin Knox who d. 1832 and buried at Third Creek Cemetery, Cleveland, Rowan County, NC. A copy of the January 20, 1841, Treasury Department, Second Comptroller's Office's document is included in Benjamin Knox's pension file.]