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Pension application of Benjamin Larkins S8821

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this 9th Day of February 1833 personally appeared before me John Bunting one of the Justices of the peace for said County in aforesaid State Benjamin Larkins Senior a resident of the State and County above mentioned aged about seventy-four years of age who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States Service in the year 1776 one of the drafted militia Soldiers on the 15th day of October and served 4 months at the North East Bridge guarding publick Stores in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina under the command of Captain David James, Captain Thomas Devane, William Jones & (Tract) William Jones, that he resided when he was drafted on Ryles Creek in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina and belonged to Captain will Larkins Company he got a discharge at the end of his time signed by General Alexander Lillington but it is now lost.

2nd Was drafted again in 1777 and served 3 months in the County light horse under the command of Colonel William Mosley, Captain Spicer and (Weasel) James Moore was Cornet got a discharge at the end of my servitude signed by William Mosley Colonel but it is lost.

3rd I became a substitute for Thomas Bess [Thomas Best?] and served 3 months under the command of General Alexander Lillington, George McCulloch Captain, about the 15th day of December 1780 General Lillington marched us for General Greens [sic, Nathanael Greene's] head quarters which was at the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina we were about three weeks collecting in Fayetteville the different Companies which was to be marched, we were marched through Elizabeth and on over the Pedee River and joined General Greene's Army and done duty under the said General Greene until an express arrived from Wilmington North Carolina that the English were there, then we were marched back through Lumberton North Carolina and Fayetteville North Carolina to the North East Bridge on Cape Fear River in New Hanover County where we had a Battle with the troops under Major Craig, in which Battle Colonel Thomas Brown, Commander was wounded and defeated, and a few days I got a discharge signed by Alexander Lillington General which is also lost.

4th in the first of the year 1782 I got a Captain's Commission in the County light horse from under Colonel Young and had a draft from the different Companies in New Hanover County for men, and went instantly upon the duties assigned me, which duties I performed to the close of the war. My commission is destroyed as I never thought I should have any use for it. Neither is my name on any pension list. I was born in the year 1759 in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina about 20 miles from Wilmington and has always lived in

the neighborhood. I was drafted the two times above mentioned and became a substitute for Best in said County got my Commission in said County and still resides in the same County which as before mentioned I believe any of the old settlers can testify to their opinion. Signed as above stated sworn to and subscribed before me February 9, 1833

S/ Jno Bunting, JP

S/ B. Larkins

[William Armstrong, a clergyman, and William H. Vann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.83 for 10 months service in the revolution.]