

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Sexton SC17

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[Taken from Law Order Book 6, Page 45, Russell County VA court records]

June 2, 1818

The following persons who reside in the county of Russell wishing to become pensioners under the act of Congress of the 18th of March last, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States", declared on oath as follows:

Charles Sexton declared that he enlisted as a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas, attached as he believed to the 25th Regiment¹ of the South Carolina Line under the command of Colo. Thomas Brannon [Thomas Brandon²]; He was at the battle of the Cow Pens [Cowpens, January 17, 1781] and served in the Cherokee Nation under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. He also declared that he was discharged in South Carolina by Capt. Thomas having served eighteen months, and that he is now in indigent circumstances.

It also appears to the satisfaction of the court that the aforesaid applicants are persons of good credit as witnesses, and that they served in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy; and it was also satisfactorily proven to the court that the said John Ferrall, Leonard Pigman, Carlton Keeling, John Sykes, Abraham Childers, James Berry, Charles Sexton and Jacob Hess according to the report of their neighbors previous to the passage of the said Act of Congress had served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War; All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

¹ No such Regiment existed in the South Carolina Continental line

² Thomas Brandon was a militia officer in the South Carolina militia. He never held an office or commission in the Continental line.