

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezra Bostick W23653

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State of Illinois Montgomery County

Court of County Commissioner's (Special) September Term 1832

On this 17th day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the County Commissioners, now sitting, Ezra Bostick, resident of Bostick's settlement in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years and nine months, 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) in Captain Patrick Bogan's company of mounted volunteers, or Rangers, and Colonel Thomas Wade's Regiment in Anson County State of North Carolina, on or about the 15th day of October 1780 and continued in that Company and Regiment for the space of fifteen months following, at which time, to wit: about the 15th of January 1782 he was discharged from the service. He was a resident of Anson County and State of North Carolina when he entered the service. He entered service and continued during the whole fifteen months a volunteer. He was not in any battle worthy of notice, being sent by Colonel Wade on the other service at the Battle at Betty's Bridge<sup>1</sup> on Drowning Creek North Carolina. He marched through Richmond, Anson and Cumberland County in North Carolina. He was every day marching or stationary in the service during the whole time. He was acquainted with Colonel Thomas Childs of Montgomery County North Carolina and Colonel Thomas Crawford of Richmond County North Carolina though these officers were not regulars. He served with no Continental Regiment or company during the time. He has no Documentary evidence save one discharge for a three months tour of duty signed by Patk. Boggan on the 10th day of May 1781. That he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service.

I the said Ezra Bostick do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Questions propounded by the Court to the said Ezra Bostick this:

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1753 in the County of Queen Anne and state of Maryland.

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, Beatti's Bridge. August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>

Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age, that I know of.

Question. Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Anson County and State of North Carolina, when I entered the service. I continued to reside in said State and County until the year 1803 when I removed to Kentucky and continued to live there until the year 1820, when I removed to the State of Illinois, and I have continued to reside in the State of Illinois till the present time – I now live in Montgomery County in the State of Illinois.

Question. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute, for whom?

Answer. I entered the service as a volunteer and so continued.

State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. There were no regular Officers belonging to the Detachment to which I belonged to my knowledge. We acted with no Continental or militia Regiments, nor with any other description of troops but Rangers. I belonged exclusively to the ranging service and the most of our time was devoted to the defense of the Country against the Tories, during the time that General Green had the command of the Southern Army. During the whole of my service the Country was in a great state of distress and alarm, in consequence of the threatening attitude of the British and Tories.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, And if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

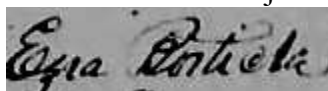
Answer. I received a discharge from Captain Bogan aforesaid for every 3 months service separately.<sup>2</sup> One of the discharges I have now in my possession, the other for discharges I surrendered to the auditor's office in Anson County North Carolina aforesaid and received in lieu thereof specie tickets calling for \$8 per month –

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 good behavior, your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I am acquainted with the Reverend John Grantham, James M Rutledge Esquire and various other gentlemen of respectability.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of September A.D. 1832 aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ Elijah Bostick



[John Grantham, a clergyman, and James M Rutledge gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: on October 30, 1843 in Montgomery County Illinois, Drusilla Bostick, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Ezra Bostick, a revolutionary pensioner; that she married him in the month of February 1792 and that her husband died February 10th, 1843; that she has remained a widow ever since; that she has no

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<sup>2</sup> That document can be found on page 22 of the digital images of this file posted on Footnote.com, but the images are very faintly and mostly illegible.

record of her marriage but does have a record of the births of her children in her husband's handwriting.]

[fn p. 16: copy of the marriage bond dated 24 February 1792 issued in Anson County North Carolina issued to Ezra Bostick [spelled "Bastweek"], Lawrence Franklin & John Doty to secure the marriage of Bostick to Drucilla Liles.]

[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.]