

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Banner W3923

Elizabeth Banner

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Sept. Term 1832

On this the 14th day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Stokes aforesaid now sitting Ephraim Banner a resident of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina aged Seventy-nine years the 20th of May last who being first duly sworn in according to law doth by oath make the following declaration in order to obtain benefits under the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated

That he volunteered the 13th day of July 1776 at Old Richmond Surry County now Stokes under Capt. Richard Goode, Lieutenant Thos. Evans [Thomas Evans?]; Marched under Col. Martin Armstrong to Fishing Creek in Wilkes County the expedition was to relieve a fort on the Watauga which was besieged by Indians. When at Fishing Creek we received intelligence that the fort was relieved. We was then marched back to Surry County and placed under the Command of Col. Joseph Williams & Major Joseph Winston & was marched to the Long Island of Holston [River] & lay there three or four weeks was then joined by the Virginia Troops; marched from there under the command of Genl. Christie [sic, William Christian] to the Indian towns on Tennessee River. On our arrival the Indians retreated. We destroy several of their towns. Whilst there a treaty of peace was concluded with Some of the Chiefs one named Connestola [?]<sup>1</sup> & Black headed Partridge [sic, Partridge?], Chestnut [sic, Chestnut ?] &c. was marched back home and discharged; thinks his served at least five months and discharged in the month of December—by Capt. Richard Goode; that he has lost his discharge.

<sup>2</sup><sup>nd</sup> Rendezvoused at Old Richmond under Capt. John Halbert & Col. Martin Armstrong Commander. Thinks the first of June 1779; remained there several days for the purpose of organizing & forming Scouting parties to go against the Tories; was commanded by Major Winston (the company was all mounted men); marched through Surry up the Little Yadkin [River]; from thence on Dan River; from there along the Yadkin River; as we marched through the country the disaffected generally joined us and the balance fled or joined the British—that he served in this manner on various tours about twelve months until August 1780. That he then turned out [as a] volunteer under Cap. John Morgan & Lieutenant Mark Harden for a three months tour. Rendezvoused at the Shallow Ford; marched to Mecklenburg [County] and Joined the regiment under Col. Paistly [John Paisley] about the time Paisley Horsemen had an encounter with the British; there was a retreat ordered by Genl. Sumner [Jethro Sumner] as I understood which was affected Col. Paisley's regiment in the rear; we retreated all that night and arrived at Salisbury the next day, there I learned the British were retreating the other direction and was marched to the old trading ford on the Yadkin; made a stand there 2 or 3 weeks; Genl.

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<sup>1</sup> Possibly intended to be a reference to Oconostota.

Sumner's army took some other direction; we were marched from there under Gen. Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & Col. Paisley through Salisbury to the Waxhaw settlement in South Carolina; from there to the 12 mile Creek; there joined the army under Col. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Col. Washington [William Washington] of the Cavalry; was shortly after taken sick with the fever; remained sick there until his term expired; returned back with the regiment to the old trading ford; was there discharged & conveyed home in November; was discharged by Col. Paisley; that he has lost or misplaced his discharge. Was drafted one time under Capt. Edward Lovell for 3 months an expedition destined to Wilmington; was marched to Salem to guard the legislature which was then meeting there; served two weeks & the legislature broke up; was marched to Randolph County & joined the regiment under Col. Isaacks [Elijah Isaacs] to Chatham County; thence to Ramsour's [sic, Ramsey's Mill] on Deep River; while there received news that Cornwallis was captured at little York; was then marched back and discharged some time in January by Capt. Lovell without receiving any written discharge. That he was borned [sic] in Surry County (now Stokes) North Carolina the 20th March 1753 where he has remained ever since; he has a record of his age in his family bible. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Ephriam Banner, X his mark

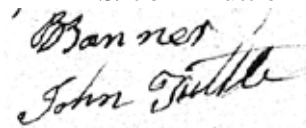
S/ M. Hill, CCC

We Benjamin Banner & John Tuttle residing in the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina hereby certify that we were acquainted with Ephraim Banner who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be Seventy-nine years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed year aforesaid.

S/ B. Banner<sup>2</sup>

S/ John Tuttle<sup>3</sup>

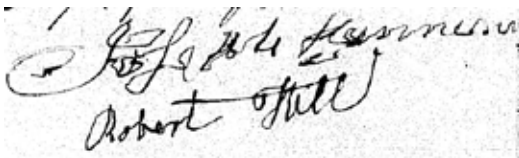


Joseph Banner & Robert Hill being duly sworn state on their oath that they know that Ephraim Banner the above named applicant did serve a five months tour in the Company of Captain Richard Goode and that they were marched to the Cherokee nation of Indians and that these deponents was in the same Expedition.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Banner<sup>4</sup>

S/ Robert Hill<sup>5</sup>



Joseph Banner being duly sworn states on his oath that he knows that Ephraim Banner the above named applicant did serve a three months tour in the company of Captain John Morgan that he marched

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<sup>2</sup> [Benjamin Banner S6562](#)

<sup>3</sup> [John Tuttle W4836](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Joseph Banner W9716](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Robert Hill S7012](#)

to the 12 mile Creek and served with him during the tour. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Banner

We Benjamin Banner & Joseph Banner being duly sworn States on their oath that they know Ephraim Banner was drafted under Captain Edward Lovil [Robert Lovell] for three months that he marched off under the said Captain Lovell in November & returned home the following January that they have no personal knowledge of his service in the aforesaid tower [tour].

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ B Banner

S/ Joseph Banner

We Benjamin Banner & Joseph Banner being duly sworn State on their oath that they believe that Ephraim Banner did serve as a minute man on various scouting parties against the Tories under Major Winston & other officers on different periods in the whole he believes six months that the deponents served with him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ B Banner

S/ Joseph Banner

State of North Carolina, Stokes County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the said county, Ephraim Banner who being duly sworn in deposeth & saith that by reason old age and the consequent lapse of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grades: for one year & two months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn and subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1832 before me.

S/ Ephraim Banner, X his mark

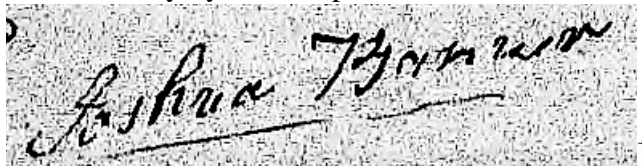
S/ Thomas Armstrong, J. P.

[p 10: On September 24, 1846 in Stokes County North Carolina, Elizabeth Banner, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Ephraim Banner, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died April 3, 1838; that she married him September 20, 1793; that her husband died at his place of residence in Stokes County; that she remains his widow; that she has no family record it being destroyed but remembers the ages of her children 7 in all (viz.), Jesse Banner born 15<sup>th</sup> February 1795, Charles Banner <sup>now dead</sup> born 14<sup>th</sup> November 1797, Joseph R Banner born 14<sup>th</sup> November 1799, Eliner Banner [Eleanor Banner?] married to Wm Terry [? William Terry?] born 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1803, Elizabeth Banner 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1805; Charity Banner born 5<sup>th</sup> April 1807 & Susanna Born 1<sup>st</sup> October 1810 and married to Wm Bolyjack [William Bolyjack]. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: Catherine Hartgrove gave testimony that she is the sister of Elizabeth Banner and was present at her sister's marriage to Ephraim Banner; that they were married by one William Campbell, a justice of the peace; that affiant and her parents were present at the marriage. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12: On October 1, 1846 in Stokes County North Carolina before Charles Banner, a justice of the peace, Joshua Banner aged seventy years gave testimony that he believes the declaration made by his stepmother to obtain a pension as the widow of his father Ephraim Banner is true; that he saw his father

married to Elizabeth; that he, the affiant, is the son of his father's 1<sup>st</sup> wife (not named); that all of the children of his father's 1<sup>st</sup> wife opposed his remarriage but became reconciled to their stepmother; that he was one of 7 children (none named other than the affiant) of his mother and all 7 children were treated kindly by their stepmother.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesse Banner", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal line.

[p 14: Copy of a marriage license issued in Stokes County North Carolina September 17, 1793 to Ephraim Banner and Charles Banner for the marriage of Ephraim Banner to Bettsy Hartgrove [sic].

[p 17: On January 10, 1853 in Forsyth County North Carolina, Jesse Banner, Joseph R Banner, Elener Terry wife of William Terry, Betsy Fowler widow of John Fowler, Charity Banner and Susanna Bolyjack wife of William Bolyjack filed an affidavit stating they are the only living children of Ephraim and Betsy Banner. The date of their mother's death is not stated in their affidavit by which they seek any pension due her at the time of her death. The only applicant who signed the document other than by his or her mark was Jesse Banner

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[p 26: On June 20, 1853 in Forsyth County North Carolina, Jesse Banner, 56, gave testimony that he is one of the sons and heirs of Ephraim Banner and his wife Elizabeth Banner, both now deceased; that his father was a revolutionary war pensioner; that his mother was a pensioner by right of the services rendered by his father during the revolution; that his father died April 3, 1838 in that portion of Stokes County North Carolina which is now Forsyth County by division; that his mother remained a widow until her death October 12, 1847 leaving the following children surviving her, applicant, Joseph R Banner, Elener who married William Terry, Betsy Fowler widow, Charity Banner and Susanna the wife of William Bolyjack.]

[Fact in file: Elizabeth Hartgrove Banner was the daughter of James Hartgrove; she was said to be 73 years of age when she died October 12, 1847.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]