

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bonner W8376 Elizabeth fn83NC
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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the late acts of Congress

On this 25th day of February 1830 personally appeared before us John Young [indecipherable symbol or word] Benjamin C Brown two of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Henry and State of Tennessee William Bonner a resident of the County of Henry and State aforesaid aged about seventy-three years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late acts of Congress of the United States. That he the said William Bonner enlisted for the Term of twelve months on the 19th day of May 1781 in the State of South Carolina in the Continental service in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Martin in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment of Dragoons South Carolina line commanded by Colonel William Polk and that he continued in the Regiment aforesaid as a private soldier against the common enemy until the 7th day of April 1782 – at which period he received from Colonel William Polk and Honorable discharge – which is hereto annexed and exhibited. He is now old and in circumstances so indigent as to ask the aid offered by the General Government by the late acts of Congress entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and makes the application for a pension on account of his reduced circumstances in life – he would state that he does not know that he can prove the facts stated in the foregoing petition by any living witness.

Personally appeared William Bonner before us John Young [indecipherable word or symbol] Benjamin C Brown two of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Henry and State of Tennessee and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing declaration or petition are true to the best of his knowledge and belief – Given under our hands and seals February 25th 1830

S/ William Bonner

S/ John Young, JP

S/ Benjamin C Brown, JP

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Declaration in order to entitle William Bonner to a pension under the late act of Congress –

William Bonner states that he was born in Hartford [sic, Hertford] County State of North Carolina, that he is about seventy-six years old – that about the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a militia man under Captain Robert Alexander upon a tour of three months against the Cherokee Indians – That he again entered the service as a volunteer upon a three months tour under Captain Jonathan Potts Colonel Hart & Hagens – this tour was against the British & Tories we met with General Greene's Army a short time before the battle of Guilford – we were in no battle or engagement during this term – I again volunteered my services under Captain McKnight and belonged to Colonel Irwin's Company and were attached to General Sumpter's Brigade – where we were marched from the State of North Carolina to the State of South Carolina – during said Tour I was in the battle of the hanging rock – where the engagement lasted between 3 & 4 hours – This tour was also a three months tour – we were discharged soon after the battle of the hanging rock – when we returned home – That about the year 19th of March 1781 I enlisted myself in the room and stead of Joseph Beal for the term of twelve months. I served under ~~Captain Samuel Martin~~ – which enlistment is now on file in the pension office at Washington – together with a discharge from Colonel William Polk for a ten months tour – a certificate of which I herewith send – together with an affidavit showing and explaining the same – all of which is respectfully submitted and reference made to an application made by me some years since, at which time the original discharge was enclosed to said Department. I so also employed Benjamin Furman [?] to serve in my stead for the term of five years – I do hereby declare that I have never drawn any pension nor is my name upon the pension roll of any state in the Again – and I do hereby relinquish all claim to one except the present – that I am now a citizen of Henry County Tennessee.

S/ William Bonner

Sworn to in open Court December 11th 1832

S/ Thos. K. Porter, Clk

[James Conyers, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.] [Jesse Goodwin also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

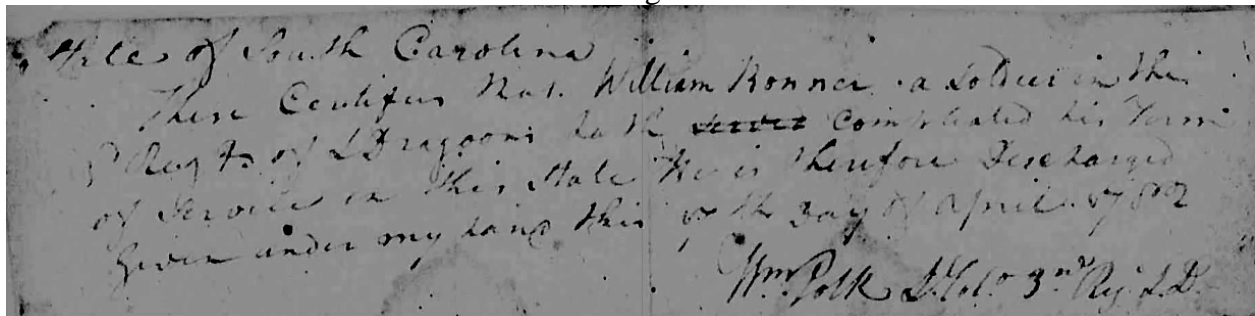
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State of South Carolina

These Certifies that William Bonner a Soldier in the
3rd Regt. of Dragoons hath completed his Term
of Service in this State He is therefore Discharged

Given under my hand this 7th Day of April 1782

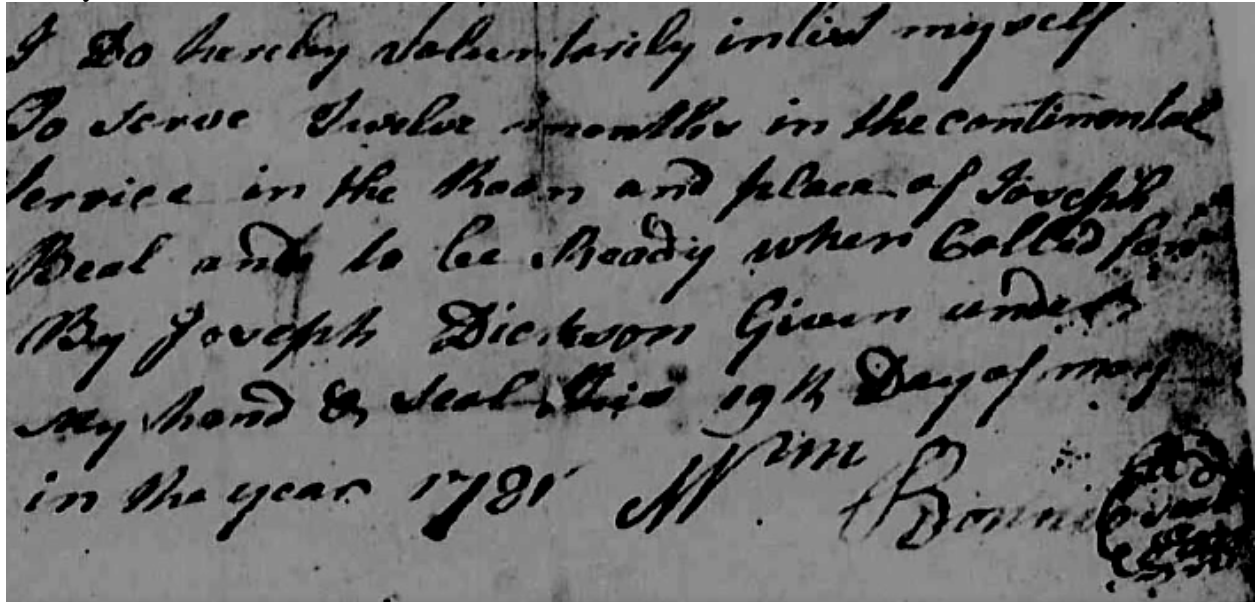
S/ Wm Polk L. Colo. 3rd Regt. L. D.



The image shows a handwritten document on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. It is a certificate from the State of South Carolina, certifying that William Bonner, a soldier in the 3rd Regiment of Dragoons, has completed his term of service and is therefore discharged. The document is signed by Wm Polk, Lieutenant Colonel of the 3rd Regiment, on the 7th day of April, 1782.

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I Do hereby Voluntarily enlist myself
To Serve Twelve months in the continental
Service in the Room and place of Joseph
Beal and to be Ready when Called for
By Joseph Dickson Given under
my hand & seal this 19th Day of may
in the year 1781 S/ Wm Bonner



[fn p. 4: WW Bonner made application in Calloway County Kentucky on December 23, 1850 as the administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Bonner, the widow of William Bonner for a widow's pension; that William Bonner a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution died on or about December 29, 1834 in Calloway County Kentucky leaving a widow whose name was Elizabeth who also died in said County in November 1844 leaving the following children surviving her, Elizabeth Conyers, James Utley and this affiant WW Bonner; that William and Elizabeth Bonner were married "as early as the year 1775" although he cannot state in what County or state they were married; that the oldest child of William and Elizabeth, if he were still living, would be 75 years old; that they were living in Lincoln County North Carolina at the time; that he WW Bonner is near 50 years of age and that his parents had 12 children older than himself.]

[fn p. 8: on March 20, 1852, WW Bonner testified in Calloway County Kentucky that he was the 9th child of William and Elizabeth Bonner; that John, Anna, Moses, Betsey, Jane, Charity, Sally & Janus were older than himself and that there were three other children [no named] born after him.]

[fn p. 70: certificate dated December 19, 1850 from Robert Williamson, clerk of the County Court of Lincoln County North Carolina that he has made diligent search in his office for the marriage bond of William Bonner and Elizabeth Richardson but finds no such record.]

[fn p. 74: affidavit of Mordechai Conyers given in Henry County Tennessee in which he states he

was acquainted with William Bonner and his wife Elizabeth; that he became acquainted with him about the year 1807 in Greene County Kentucky at which time his youngest daughter Margaret was a little over 2 years old, she still sucked and she was born April 28, 1804 according to his record; that William and Elizabeth Bonner were living together as husband and wife at that time and reputed to be such; that WW Bonner and Joseph D Bonner were about the same size and age of his 2 daughters, Phoebe [Conyers] who was born in 1802 and Margaret [Conyers] was born in 1804 as stated above.]

[fn pp. 10-11: family record of W. W. Bonner and unidentified others]

Births

W. Bonner was bornd March the 15th 1801
Sally Bonner bornd September the 14 1804
Marry Jane Bonner bornd December the 12th 1823
Elizabeth Jane was bornd february the 8th 1825
Susan was bornd Apriel the 25th 1827
William Parker was bornd Apriel the 2th 1829
John Richard was bornd Apriel the 2th 1831
Wesley Kirkman Bonner was bornd the 8th day of May AD 1834
James H. Bonner bornd March the 23 day 1836

Deaths

Elizabeth Dececed on the first of October 182[last digit torn off]

Marriages

Wm W. Bonner was bornd March the 15th 1801 and his wife was bornd September 14th 1804 and Was Married February the 27th 1823
Nancy Scliney [?] was bornd July the 16th 1838
Mary Ann was bornd July the 14th 1840
Franklin Asbery was bornd the 10th day of August 1843
Virginny Frances was bornd July the 11th 1847
Andrew J. Beale was Bornd December the 9th 1815
Abany Jain Beale was Bornd December the 12th 182[last digit illegible]
Willis Jasper Beale was Bornd April 28th 1841
William Newton was Bornd May 20th 1843

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$71.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the cavalry and 9 months service as a private in the infantry in the North Carolina militia.]