

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Sutton W8772

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an "Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th May 1828, I Benjamin Sutton of the County of Garrard and State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for the period of 3 years, and served said period and furnished a substitute who continued in its service until its termination; at which time I was a private in Captain Gabriel Long's Company, of the 11th Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I received a certificate for ___ of land under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of March 1828, on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Benjamin Sutton

[Attested in Garrard County Kentucky by Thomas Millan, a justice of the peace November 7, 1829.]

Garrard County Sct.

Before me Thomas Millan a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Garrard in the State of Kentucky, personally appeared this 7th day of November 1829, Benjamin Hudson¹ of the County of Garrard and State of Kentucky, who did make oath, that Benjamin Sutton by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Army of the Revolution in the manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this 7th day of November 1829.

S/ Thomas Millan, JP

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

Before me John Downing a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County and State aforesaid personally appeared, this 9th day of November 1829, Joshua Hudson² of the County and State aforesaid, who did make oath, that Benjamin Sutton was an acquaintance of his. We were raised boys together in the same neighborhood and also were school mates, that after the Revolutionary War took place, he the said Benjamin Sutton enlisted as a Soldier in said war for three years in the Continental Virginia line under Captain Gabriel Long's Company, he further

¹ [Benjamin Hudson W8956](#)

² [Joshua Hudson R5093](#)

states that the said Benjamin's Sutton served the said three years in said War, faithfully, and after his return to the bosom of his friends, that in March 1781, he was drafted for 18 months to fill up the deficiency in the Continental line & the said Benjamin Sutton found a substitute who served during said 18 months – witness my hand this 9th day of November 1829

S/ John Downing, JP

State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

On this 16th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Garrard County Court, now sitting, Benjamin Sutton a resident citizen of Garrard County, and State of Kentucky, aged 76 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

He entered the service under the command of Captain Gabriel Long (Philip Slaughter being Lieutenant) – that he entered the service in the year 1777, as a regular having enlisted for 3 years, and continued in the service during said time –

That he resided in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia, at the time of entering the service, and he entered as a regular, enlisted for 3 years –

That he was at the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – That he marched through parts of Maryland & Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York.

The command of his Regiment was under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], part of the time, & this affiant received his discharge under General Woodford [William Woodford], and the discharge was signed by him, but is now lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Sutton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

[William Owsley and Benjamin Hudson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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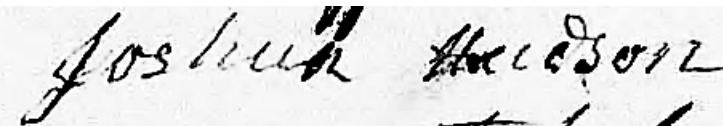
Joshua Hudson an aged man, being duly sworn on his oath deposeth and saith, that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Sutton from his boyhood that said Benjamin Sutton was enlisted in the regular Army under Lieutenant Philip Slaughter of Culpeper County Virginia, about the commencement of the Revolutionary war, and continued in the service for and after that time for the space of three years that said Benjamin Sutton intermarried with Mary Arnold (with whom this affiant was well acquainted) on [in] said County of Culpeper some time in the fall or winter of the year 1780 he thinks in the month of December of that year; that in the spring of the following year, he thinks in the month of May 1781, said Benjamin Sutton was drafted to perform a tour of militia duty in Colonel Alcock's Regiment in Culpeper County Virginia, and served in said Regiment for three months from and after that time, the name of the Captain in the said Regiment in the said term began this affiant does not now remember, but Captain Green took the command shortly after said Regiment was drafted, and continued in command thereof

until the same was disbanded, which was about the 1st of August A.D. 1781 and that Nathaniel Welch was Major, and Morgan Wright, orderly Sergeant in said Regiment, this affiant recollects this tour distinctly being himself drafted about the same time that said Benjamin Sutton was in the said Regiment and having served with him the said Benjamin Sutton during the said tour of Militia duty which this affiant well recollects he then considered a three months tour.

And the said Joshua Hudson on his oath aforesaid further deposeseth and saith that William Bourne was drafted in Colonel Alcock's Regiment so-called and served and performed there in the same tour of duty which he has before stated was performed by said Benjamin Sutton and this affiant – and that said Bourne was married to Margaret Hawkins in Culpeper County Virginia he thinks sometime in the year 1782.

And the said Joshua Hudson on his oath aforesaid further deposeseth and saith that Benjamin Hudson his younger brother was hired and served as a substitute for himself and the regular Army in the Regiment drafted by Colonel Barbour from the 19th day of March 1781 until about the 1st of November, being as this affiant well recollects at least eight months, & that his said brother Benjamin Hudson intermarried with Jemima Berry sometime in the summer of the year 1785. And further this Affiant sayeth not.

S/ Joshua Hudson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Hudson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January 1839
S/ M. J. Noyes, JP

[f p. 10: On February 18, 1839 in Garrard County Kentucky, Mary Sutton, 77, applied for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Sutton, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Culpeper County Virginia in the month of December 1780; that her husband died April 17, 1833 and that she remains his widow; that her husband hired her uncle John Hawkins to attend to his farm and Negroes during his absence in service and she went and lived with her uncle John Sleet until her husband returned from service; that her husband returned from service with two other soldiers, James Sleet³ and Humphrey Arnold; that her husband served a tour of 3 months in the militia when he marched to the County of Orange in the state of Virginia. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: On February 15, 1839 in Garrard County, Kentucky, John Sutton, 57 next May, a resident of Garrard County Kentucky gave testimony at his own house that he is the son of Benjamin and Mary Sutton; that his father was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that his father died April 17, 1833 and that his mother remains a widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sutton". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p. 13: On February 13, 1839 in Garrard County Kentucky, Mrs. Margaret Bourne, 74, gave testimony at the house of Francis Bourne that she was well acquainted with Benjamin and Mary

³ Probably the same man as [James Sleet R9658](#)

Sutton; that Mary Sutton's name prior to her marriage was Mary Arnold; that she, affiant, was at the marriage of Benjamin to Mary which marriage took place a short time before Christmas 1780; that she, affiant, waited on Mary when she was married in Culpeper County Virginia by the Reverend Mr. Stevenson of the Episcopal Church. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]