Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Benston VAS2490 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

I hereby certify that Levin Hyslop [W7858] who is a Revolutionary pensioner & a man of truth & veracity appeared before me & made oath that he enlisted & served in the Va Continental line for the term of "during the War" & that he has drawn 200 acres of land for his services : that he was well acquainted with John Benston who served with this witness one term of 18 months in the 9th Va Reg't & then reinlisted either for 3 years or for the War & died in the service of the U. States. Witness my hand & seal this 6th Feb'y 1833 Wm. R. Custis Jus peace

Robert Russell Sr [W5753] who is a man of truth and veracity came before me & made oath that he served in the 9th Virginia Reg't & was taken prisoner at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & kept as a prisoner of War & was in service & imprisonment together about three & a half years – that John Bentson served in the same Regiment, was taken prisoner at the same time & was discharged, & afterwards reinlisted for another term, either 3 years or for the War, & died in service. Witness my hand & seal this 6th Feb'y 1833 Wm. R. Custis Jus peace

The heirs of John Benston pray an allowance of Land for his services in the Va Cont'l. line for the term of the War.

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