

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Bankston R477

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State of Georgia, Randolph County

On this day 7th April 1835 In open Court Personally appeared Thomas Bankston a resident of the aforesaid State & County aged 75 years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 that he Thomas Bankston volunteered himself in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 under Captain John Autry & served 10 months in guarding the frontiers in Wilkes County Georgia & being in several small fights with the Indians & shortly after this term of service in the fall 1779 the British held in possession the Towns of Savannah & Augusta & there was a call for volunteers, he joined under Captain Williamson & Colonel E. Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] & we marched to Augusta, the place was taken we then returned to Wilkes County & was then stationed at fort Washington for six months under Captain Alexander Autry this was in the year 1780. My Father then removed to North Carolina just about this time there was an Army raised in the upper part of North Carolina to march against the British at Wilmington I joined this Army in Montgomery County & marched 250 miles & we took the place from the enemy I was under Captain Harris Colonel Lofton & General Rutherford. I served in this campaign six months in the year 1781. I then joined Major Crump & served six months longer & was then discharged I then returned to Wilkes County Georgia & joined Captain Halms at fort Dement & served with him for three months against the frontier Indians who was very troublesome this Service was in 1782 & 1783 – as well as I now recollect as to my discharges are some I got some I did not & not knowing they would be ever wanting I lossed [lost] them all I served two years & nine months Sworn to & subscribed this the day & year above written. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity set the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State excepting this Sworn to & subscribed the day

Test:

S/ Thomas Bankston

S/ Wm B. Barton, Clk IC

Approve of Service

Georgia, Butts County

Personally came before me one of the Justices, for said County Abner Bankston who after being duly sworn deposed & saith that in the time of the old Revolutionary war his father Daniel Bankston removed from North Carolina Rowan County to Wilkes County in Georgia with his family & the Tories & Indians being very troublesome Wilkes being a frontier County my Brother Thomas being then old enough was called immediately into the service & after serving some months in guarding the frontiers & being in several small flights with the Indians the County service continued Nearly a year under the command of Captain John Autry & about this time the British obtained & held in possession the Towns above Savannah & Augusta & there was an expedition planned, volunteers turned out my Brother Thomas joined under Captain Williamson, E. Clarke was the Colonel they marched against Augusta & the place was taken my Brother then returned to his father's in Wilkes County & was then stationed at fort Washington in Wilkes County for six months the Indians being yet very troublesome this station being under the command of Captain Alexander Autry & as near as I can recollect having no papers nor dates to refresh my memory these services was performed by Brother in the year of 1778 – 1779 – 1780 our Father about this time removed back from Georgia again to North Carolina & just about this time there was an Army raised in the upper part of North Carolina 1781 was in [indecipherable word or words] to march against the British that held Wilmington a Sea post Town belonging to that State I had got old enough by this time myself & my Brother Thomas joined this Army I believe it was for six

months we joined the Army in Montgomery County marched 250 miles as was said & was discharged after taking a place from the enemy his Captain & mine was Dred Harris William Lofton was our Colonel General Rutherford commanded the Army after our return home my Brother joined Major Crump & served six months longer in that state sworn to and subscribed before me the 9 December 1834.

S/ C. M. Coody, JP

S/ Abner Bankston

[Peter Eldridge, a clergyman, and Majors Henderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: in North Carolina in the year 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? In Wilkes County Georgia I have lived in Georgia & Mississippi I now live in Randolph County Georgia

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Major Hogg & Colonel Washington

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I did it was given by Colonel Lofton but I have lost them all

7th 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 their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Peter Eldridge, clergyman & Majors Henderson & 100 more