

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Bantham: S44344

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State of Ohio}

Cochackton [sic: Coshocton] County Ss.} I John Banthan, the subscriber do hereby represent and declare that I am a resident Citizen in the County of Coshackton in the State of Ohio, and that on the sixth day of July A.D. Seventeen hundred and Seventy Six, I enlisted as a private Soldier, in the revolutionary war against great Brittain, on the continental establishment, at Georgetown in Kent County in the State of Maryland, in Captain Macomb's company in Col. [John Eager] Howard's regiment in the Maryland line which was the fifth regiment.

I enlisted in Kent County State of Maryland to serve during the war & then was of the age of twenty years. I first mustered with my company at Newtown on Chester river Maryland, and joined my regiment afores'd. at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey. A few days after my enlistment I was appointed a Sarjeant in the before named company.

I was in the battles on York Island [9 Nov 1776] at the White house [White House Tavern PA, 16 Sep 1777], White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Kingston [13 Oct 1777], Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Red bank fort [Fort Mercer NJ, 22 Oct 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 June 1778], Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], at the Cowpens, at Tarlton's defeat [Cowpens SC where Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton was defeated, 17 Jan 1781] - at fort ninety six - in South Carolina - in which last battle I received a severe wound on the head whilst scaling the wall of the fort [see note below]. I was also in the battle near Guilford Court house [North Carolina, 15 March 1781] and at the one at Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781].

At Tarlton's defeat I received three severe wounds in my right side by a bayonet — I retained my appointment of Sarjeant from the month of July above mentioned, towit in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy six, until the month of July AD. Seventeen hundred & eighty two when I was discharged, which discharge was given on James Island in South Carolina, and I here further state that I obtained from the United States a land warrant for my services in the revolution for one hundred acres of land which was afterwards located in the County of Knox in the State of Ohio in the bounty range in the sixth [illegible word] Township in the third Section lot Ninety two.

And I further state & declare that I have never received any pension whatever from the United States & that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support, and desire to be placed on the pension list  
In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this twenty second day of April A.D. Eighteen hundred and eighteen. (signed) John Bantham

State of Ohio Coshockton County Ss

On this first day of Sept 1820 personally appeared in Open Court in the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio now sitting within and for said County of Coshockton, being a court of Record for the said state of Ohio, John Bantham aged Seventy two years in October next, and resident in said County of Coshockton, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath swear that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; that he Enlisted in June 1775 for the period of six months in the State of Maryland, in the company commanded by Captain Henry in the Flying Corps, that he was in the battle of York Island, and at the White Plains, and was discharged at Philladelphia in Jany 1776. That he then enlisted in May 1776 for during the war under Capt McCombs in the Regiment commanded by Col. Howard in the Maryland Line. that he was at the Storming of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 15 July 1779], and at Red bank fort, that he was at Mud Island [Fort Mifflin in Delaware River, site of a siege 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], and at German Town, and at the battle of Monmouth, that he was then detached to the Wiomee [Wyoming Valley PA, summer 1779?] and had two skirmishes with the Indians, and then Captain McCombs died and Capt Hamilton Commanded the Company to which he belonged. that he was then detached to the South, and was there in the battle in which Gates was defeated, and that he

was at the defeating of Tarlton under [Gen. Daniel] Morgan where he was badly wounded in the side by a bayonet, that he was at the Storming of fort ninety six, where he was one of the forlorn hope and got his scull bone broke, that he was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse, and at the Taking of a fort on the east side of Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River, that he was at the Taking of Fort Mott [sic: Fort Motte, present Calhoun County SC, 12 May 1781] under Col. [Henry] Lee, and at the battle of Utaw Springs, and that the last engagement he was in was on James Island in South Carolina [possibly Battle of James Island, 14 Nov 1782] in which place he was discharged in the year 1783. that his original declaration was dated on or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1818. as he believes, and that the number of his pension Certificate is 10,642

And he doth solemnly swear, that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that he has not, since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of his property, or any part thereof, with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" Passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. that his occupation is a farmer Seventy two years of age next October and but little able to do hard Labour, and now very sensibly feels the effects of his former wounds, that his family consists of himself and his wife Rachel Bantham about seventy years of age quite deranged and not capable of laboring. And that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property, or Securities, Contracts or debts due to him; nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by him subscribed

Schedule

One mare about sixteen years old, one mare four years old - Two Milch Cows, one two year old heifer, one yearling heifer, one sucking calf, one sow and three sucking pigs five farrows two years old next fall, four sheep, a few fowls, one barshear plough, one shovel plough, two sets of horse Gors[?], one axe, two hoes, one pair of Double Trees, two old saddles, one riding bridle, one Chest, one Chair, one Eighteen Gallon Kittels, one Ten Gallon Kittle, one stewpot, one small pot, five knives and six forks, six Table spoons six Tea spoons, seven pewter plates, one pewter dish, six Teacups and saucers, one Teapot, four Tea cups, one skimer, and two pot Trammels

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Sworn to in open Court September 1<sup>st</sup> 1820 Attest A. Johnston C.L.S.C.[?]

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1 mare 16 years old .....	\$25.00	Amnt brot forward .....	133.50
1 do 4 do do .....	35.00	1 Chest .....	.50
2 Milch cows .....	25.00	1 Chair .....	.20
1 Two year old Heifer .....	7.00	1 Eighteen Gallon Kettle .....	4.00
1 Yearling Heifer .....	3.00	1 Ten Gallon Kettle .....	2.50
1 Sucking Calf .....	1.50	1 Stewpot .....	.75
1 Sow .....	3.00	1 Small pot .....	.75
3 young pigs .....	.75	5 knives & six forks .....	.50
5 farrows two year old next fall ...	10.00	6 Table spoons .....	.75
4 Sheep .....	5.00	6 Tea spoons .....	.25
a few fowls .....	1.00	7 Pewter Plates .....	1.50
1 Barshear Plough .....	2.00	1 Pewter dish .....	.62½
1 Shovel plough .....	1.50	6 Tea Cups and Saucers .....	.31
2 Sets of Horse Gors[?] .....	4.00	1 Tea pot .....	.20
1 axe .....	1.00	4 Teacups .....	.40
1 pair of Double Trees .....	1.50	1 Skimmer .....	.30
2 Old saddles .....	6.00	2 Pot Trammels .....	<u>2.25</u>
1 Riding Bridle .....	<u>.50</u>		\$150.28½
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NOTE: On the day before abandoning the Siege of Ninety-Six, 22 May - 19 June 1781, Gen. Nathanael Greene decided on a last attempt at storming the two British forts before the arrival of reinforcements under Lord Rawdon. The two assault forces were called "Forlorn Hopes."