

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Austin S6548

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas and Order Sessions

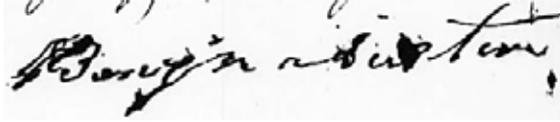
This day personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the said County Benjamin Austin a Citizen of said County of Burke formerly of Orange County North Carolina, aged 73 years (he has a record of his age made by his parents which record says that he the said Benjamin was born on the 21st day of January 1760) and after being duly Sworn in due form of law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he the said Benjamin Austin Entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein be Stated (Viz.) about the latter end of the year 1779 or 1780 he the said Benjamin Austin volunteered under the Command of Richard Christmas for a tour of nine months to go to Charleston against the British he the said Benjamin then purchased an able Substitute to Serve his tour which Substitute was received by Colonel Hugh Teenan [sic, his name is spelled in other sources as Hugh Tinnen, Hugh Tinning, Hugh Tinnian] of Orange County North Carolina said Substitute whose name [was], John O. Dannall, returned with a Parole or discharge which I have lost or mislaid on about the last of March or first of April 1781 he the said Benjamin volunteered for six months in a Company of Mounted Volunteers Commanded by Captain Abraham Allen in the County of Orange North Carolina under the Command of Colonel Hugh Teenan, the Services his Company they had to perform were against the Tories and was generally in the County of Orange North Carolina during that time of Service said term expired on or about the first of October in the same year about the first of September in the Captain required that his Company or as many as felt disposed would volunteer for three months more and he the said Benjamin consented to Volunteer for said term to commence immediately after the expiration of his then term of Service but before his first term expired (Viz.) on the 12th of September 1781 he was taken prisoner by the Tories the same band that took Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] at Orange Court house [Hillsborough, September 12, 1781 in a raid conducted by the Tory Colonel David Fanning] he was taken from said County to Wilmington North Carolina where he was placed on board of a Prison Ship and sent to Charleston South Carolina from thence to Johns Island near Charleston where he remained some time, from Johns Island he was taken to Savannah Georgia from which place he made his escape from the enemy on the night of the 9th of April 1782 and went up Savannah River where General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] was Stationed at a place called Ebenezer and received from General Wayne a passport to return home. Immediately after, the said Benjamin removed to the County of Burke North Carolina where he has resided ever since in September 1782 he the said Benjamin was again Called on to Serve a three months tour against the Cherokee Indians but having shortly before married and as his leaving home would have left his wife unprotected he hired a Substitute to fill his place which Substitute was accepted by Col. Holmes the Certificate is here unto annexed.

Said Benjamin further Swears that he knows of no person now living by whom he could prove his Services except his brother Nathan Austin who was then a lad & knows that he said Benjamin was

absent as he understood and believes in the Service of his Country.

He the said Benjamin 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 or of any State whatever.

S/ Benjamin Austin



Sworn to in open Court this 24th of July 1833.

S/ J. Erwin, Clk

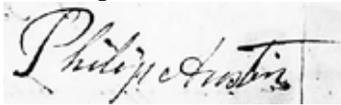
[standard certificate of reputation for veracity and belief in services as a Revolutionary Soldier given by James England, clergyman, Abner Payne & Aaron Brittain, neighbors.]

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State of North Carolina, Burke County

This day appeared before us Lewis Paine & Harrison Turner Two of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and Justices of the County Court of record of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina, Philip Austin, who being duly Sworn before us Sayeth that Benjamin Austin now a Citizen of Burke County, formerly of Orange County North Carolina, was Called upon to go in the Service of the United States against the British in the revolutionary war and that the said Benjamin Austin furnished a man to serve his tour in his place whose name was John O. Donall and the said Philip Austin further Says upon his Oath that said Donally [sic] after returning from his Servitude applied to William Austin father of said Benjamin Austin for his pay and I expect got it for William Austin told me his pay was ready. Sworn and subscribed to before us this night day of January 1833.

S/ Philip Austin



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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court Pleas & Quarter Sessions

This day personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the said County Nathan Austin a Citizen of Burke County and after being Sworn in due form of law Deposeth & Saith that Benjamin Austin his brother who has applied for a Pension and to whose declaration this affidavit is annexed was as he heard and believes in the Service of his Country during the Revolutionary war he the said Nathan was then a boy about eleven or twelve years of age and he well recollects the absence of his Brother and recollects to have seen him return home at one time with his equipment as a light horse man or mounted Volunteer said Nathan does not know the term of time that he Served. Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 25th day of July 1833.

S/ Nathan Austin, X his mark

North Carolina, Burke County. This May Sertify [certify] that I issued [?] a pace [sic, pass] that Nickles had that he feacht [fetched?] from General Wain [sic, Anthony Wayne] Detd [sic, dated] May the 30 [?] to pace [pass] to the North Steate [sic, State] With Benjemon Eustin [sic, Benjamin Austin] was passed to the North Steat [State] in Said pace [pass].

Sertify [Certified] By Me

S/ Henry Reed, Capt.

North Carolina of this May certify that I saw a piece that Nickley
Worke County I had that he fought from ~~General~~ general Wain
Died May 16 ^{the} to face to the North West. With Benjamin F. Eades
Subsister was posted to the North West. Said piece
Certify My Me - - - - - Henry Fred Capt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]