Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William O. Benson VAS2489 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

State of Virginia

County of Frederick to wit

William Benson heir at law of my Father William O. Benson do upon oath, testify and declare to the best of my knowledg and belef, that William O. Benson did enlist for the term of three years under Capt. Jimmison [sic: John Jameson R15404] then transfured to Capt. Dandridg and served under him in the Regiment No 2 of Cavalry as quarter master Sergeant, In the Virginia Continental line and that he continued in service aforesaid until he was honourably discharged by Captain Dandridg [sic: Alexander Spotswood Dandridge] of the Second Regiment of Cavlry commanded, by Colonel Bland [Theodorick Bland VAS1859] of the Virginia Continental line

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for th Bounty Land promised to him on the part of the United States nor do I believe that he ever received it or transfured his clame to it in any manner whatsoever therefore. [power of attorney to John Balthrope follows]

Given under our hands and seals this 16 day of October 1832 [signed] William Benson

Frederick County Sct

At a Court continued and held for the County aforesaid the 6th day of November 1832.

On the motion of John Balthrope and from testimony produced to the Court it is ordered to be certified that William O Benson dec'd a Quarter Master in the Revolutionary War left the following children. William, Harriet, wife of Matthew Carpenter, Nancy, wife of Robert Burn[?], who are now living, and Lucy who died unmarried

A Copy/ Teste/ Thomas Allen Tarbull[?] CC

I Catharine Bullard in my 79th year do depose and affirm as follows: That in the fall of 1776 William O. Benson enlisted under Capt. John Jimison of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Va. in a troop of Horse. In the beginning of winter, he with his troop marched to the North, and continued in service longer than three years. I have every reason to believe he was legally discharged. Farther this deponent saith not.

Catharine herXmark Bullard

[Spotsylvania County VA, 23 Mar 1833. On the same day Richard Bullard made a similar statement.]