

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Denson R2887
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State of North Carolina County of Nash: Be it known that before me William W. Boddie an acting Justice of the Peace personally appeared Benja Denson age 63 and Wright Denson, 61 years of age who being duly cautioned and then sworn in due form of law states that they are the children of Blya Denson [sic] who was a revolutionary soldier or pensioner of the State of North Carolina and that he died on the 5th day of January 1843 and their mother [illegible] Darcas died on the [indecipherable, looks like "E0th", could have been intended as "30th"] day of March 1839 and that they were married about the year 1778, and that they was residents of Nash County during life and in State aforesaid -- and that Benja & Wright his sons resides in the County and State aforesaid and that further more by these presents constitutes and appoints and fully empowers and authorizes irrevocably and with powers of substitution F. E. Haseler of Washington City, DC as they are true and lawful attorney for them and in their name and stead to examine into & prosecute to demand and to receive from the US government officers, their rights in all and in any manner of claim for increase or arrears of pension or land that may be due them as heirs of Benja. Denson who died leaving the same undrawn as in right of law custom or equity. They are as may be entitled -- In witness whereof they have owned this 13th day of May A.D. 1853 hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals

Witness:	S/ Wright Denson, X his mark
S/ W. W. Boddie,	S/ Benja. Denson, X his mark
S/ A. Matthews	

[James & Levina Coggins, residents of Nash County, NC, gave supporting testimony stating that they have heard Benjamin Denson state that he was a soldier in the revolution and that such reputation was generally believed in the community where he lived.]

State of North Carolina County of Nash

On this 9th Day of August A.D. 1853 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Nash (now sitting) Benjamin Denson and Wright Denson residence of the County of Nash; and State aforesaid Benjamin Denson 63 years of age, & Wright Denson 31 years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on their oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That their father Benjamin Denson Senior Deceased who died the 5th of January 1844 who state & declare that their father often said to them that he served in the Revolutionary War three months as orderly Sgt. in the foot company and three months as Adjutant in the light horse Company that he said his service under Col. Hardy Griffin and Capt. William Hull [could

have been intended to be William Hall] of said County of Nash, he said that he was in the Battle of Briar Creek, and was near Capt. William Hull¹ when he received his wounds in said battle at Briar Creek & also in the battle at Rock Fish.

Sworn to & subscribed to this 9th Day of August 1853

Witness:

S/ H. D. Mitchell

S/ A. Matthews

S/ Benjamin Denson, X his mark

S/ Wright Denson, X his mark

[Amos Joyner [also spelled Joiner] and James Solomon gave supporting testimony as to having heard Benjamin Denson Senior states that he was a revolutionary war soldier and served 23 months terms as claimed by his sons in the above application.]

[McCullor [McCullen?] Stone, 59, testified that he heard Benjamin Denson Senior many times state that he served six months in the revolutionary war, three months as adjutant in the light horse and three months as Sgt. in the foot company; that Benjamin Benson stated he was in the battle at Briar Creek and a battle at Rock Fish; that the reason witness remembers the statement so well is that Denson was a witness in support of the application made by Stone's father in 1818.]

¹ An officer by the name of William Hall is thought to have been at Briar Creek while serving in the NC militia.