

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Bolton R994

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State of South Carolina Marlborough District: Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the 1st day of October A D 1832 James Bolton personally appeared in Open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born on the 28th day of October A D 1748 in Queen Anne County State of Maryland, aged eighty-five years on the 28th of the present month, and resided in Queen Anne County State of Maryland till the Revolutionary War commenced, and in 1778, (to the best of his recollection) he was called out into service under Captain George Findley and Colonel Graves of Kent County, to head of Elk River for the purpose of guarding the Military Stores from thence the Regulars were called away to General Washington as he had a call for them there serving a part of three months Tour at the head of the Elk, we were called & marched to Appinineny [?], where he finished the three months Tour in the Militia Service and did no more service in Maryland, and in the Fall following he moved his family, first to Richmond County North Carolina after residing one year in Richmond County North Carolina he removed to Montgomery County NC then entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Pond for one year who was killed by the Tories at his own house, he then served as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Jennings & Colonel Thomas Childs in which company he continued in service at different Terms for two years (but cannot recollect precisely the length of either term) during the two years he recollects he served considerably more than one year, and in one of the terms he was in one battle at Bettys Bridge<sup>1</sup> on Drowning Creek at Colonel Wade's defeat, and continued on in service when called on as a volunteer until the war ceased, then in 1783 moved to South Carolina Marlborough District (then called Cheraw District) where he now resides & has resided ever since 1783.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

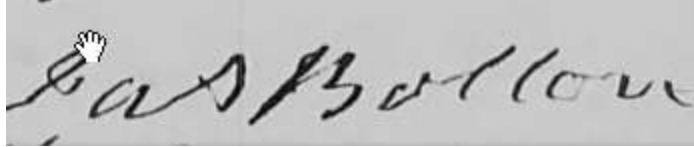
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Jas. Bolton

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, Beatti's Bridge August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored paper. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat slanted style and reads 'James Bolton'. A small mouse cursor icon is positioned over the first few letters of the signature.

[George Bristow and Joshua Ammons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

#### South Carolina Albemarle District

Personally appeared before me James Bolton who on oath says, that I reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, at the times, places & under the officers there stated.

In the year 1778 three months as a volunteer private under Captain George Findley of Colonel Graves Regiment – as marked A on Declaration.

In the year 1779 months as a private (volunteer) under Captain Pond in a company of mounted militia man commanded by Colonel Thomas Childs – raised for the purpose of pursuing & harassing the Tories & British in North Carolina where ever their presence might be necessary – as marked B on Declaration. In the year 1780 also three months as a volunteer private under Captain Thomas Jennings and Colonel Thomas Childs Regiment. In the year 1781 twelve months as a volunteer private still under Captain Thomas Jennings of Captain Childs Regiment in a company of mounted militia man raised for the purpose of pursuing the British & Tories in North Carolina and in the year 1782 – three months as a volunteer private under the same officers & for the same purpose as stated above – marked C on Declaration.

Thus making in the aggregate a service of two years & six months as a private in the militia.

And the said James Bolton further swears that for the periods above mentioned, he served with an embodied Corps, called into service as he believes by competent authority; and for the times during which the services were performed, he was not engaged in any civil pursuit & that he was either in the field or in garrison.

Sworn to & subscribed before me forth November 1833  
S/ Rd. Bristow, JP S/ Jas. Bolton

South Carolina Marlborough District: Personally appeared before me James Bolton who on oath makes the following amendment to his Declaration in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. The Applicant (James Bolton) presumes that the services which he rendered under Captain George Findley of Colonel Graves Regiment in the State of Maryland and his services under Captain Samuel Pond of Colonel Thomas Childs Regiment of the State of North Carolina are satisfactorily proved to the Department – as the Department has expressed no objection to any, but the services rendered under Captain Thomas Jennings. The Applicant makes the following statement on oath respecting his services rendered under Captain Thomas Jennings of Colonel Thomas Childs Regiment of North Carolina – That he did not, it is true, serve continually but that he was, during the twelve months, at all times subject to the orders of Captain Jennings; and was so often called out by Captain Jennings, during the twelve months that he was under his command, that he could not make a crop, or do anything else that benefited his family – although he had at that time a wife and eight small children. The applicant further says the manner he volunteered under Captain Jennings was to serve whenever called upon, and not for any specific or limited time. And during the twelve months' service under Captain

Jennings he was never out of the service, or at his home, or with his family as much as 2 weeks at any one time during the whole 12 months – Part of the time, he was engaged in collecting beef cattle from different parts of the Country, by the orders of Captain Jennings, for the purpose of supplying general Gates' Army, and also for the purpose of supplying General Greene's Army. Also during the time under Captain Jennings he was in a Battle at Bettys Bridge on Drowning Creek between the Whigs and Tories – we were commanded by Colonel Wade and the Tories by Colonel Fanning – in which Battle the Whigs were defeated. The remainder of the 12 months the applicant was traveling from place to place pursuing the British and Tories – and did not do anything else as he recollects worthy of mentioning. Such was the nature of the service rendered under Captain Jennings of Colonel Childs & Colonel Wade's Regiments by the Applicant which he hopes will be satisfactory to the Department

Sworn to & subscribed before me September 8th 1834

S/ Jas. E. David, JP

S/ Jas. Bolton

[On January 31, 1854 in Marlborough District, SC, Dorcas Bolton, widow of the veteran, filed a power of attorney seeking the pension due her husband. She doesn't state the date of his death.]