Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bartlett S39158

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State of Kentucky }
Fifth Judicial district } Sct.

on the 23^d day of July 1821 personally appeared in open Court towit in the Jefferson Circuit Court being a Superior Court of law and of record with power to fine and imprison and whose proceedings are enrolled & signed, John Bartlett a resident of Jefferson County in said District, which said County comprises the Jefferson Circuit, aged fifty seven years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States as follows that he enlisted in the Virginia line on Continental establishment at Winchester in Virginia in a troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain Robert Yancey in the regiment commanded by Colonel [Theodorick] Bland of the first regt. of Cavalry, that he was then put in the third troop commaned by Captain Watts - that he enlisted for "during the War" - that he was enlisted in summer 1780 marched to the Southward and while in the South was under Colo. [Anthony] Walton White - and while in the South was at Charleston, Savanah [sic: Savannah], Guilford Ct House & Camden [see endnote] - that he was one of those sent back to Virginia under a Lieutenant to press horses for the Regiment that while in Virginia in October 1781 he was at the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] that soon afterwards he went back to the South & was discharged at Ruffins Ferry in South Carolina & that said discharge has long since been lost or discharged [sic] that he served in manner afores'd from the summer 1780 to summer 1783, and he solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 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 whatever of any kind, that he has a wife & three children – his wife is aged 54 years for several months past has been unwell & complaining the oldest son is married & is named John, the second is named Lavender aged 19 - the third Jefferson aged 12 - that the whole family lives with the eldest son who is married man & has one child, [signed] John Bartlett

NOTE: The following places mentioned by Bartlett were scenes of engagements:

Charleston SC: Leneud's Ferry, 6 May 1780.

After the surrender of Charleston on 12 May, Col. White returned to Virginia to recruit and was succeeded in command by Lt. Col. William Washington.

Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781

Camden SC: Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781