

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Benton S39195
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District of West Tennessee

David Benton a citizen of the County of Warren in the State of Tennessee came before me and Claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States on account of his Services as a soldier in the revolutionary war and after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he enlisted in the service of the United States as a Soldier on the 15th day of June 1776 under the command of Captain John Nelson in the fourth North Carolina Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, General Moore commanded the Brigade and was succeeded by General Nash [Francis Nash], that he enlisted for two years and one half and served faithfully three years (wanting five days) and was discharged the 10th of June 1779 at West Point on the North River being then in Captain John McCree's [sic, Griffith John McRee or McRae] Company in the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark. That he has long since lost or mislaid his discharge, that afterwards he served two tours in the Militia service. That he is in his sixty first year and very infirm, that he is in very reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his government.

That he never had a pension from the United States, or any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 29th of July 1818.

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ David Benton, X his mark

Joel Gunter¹ a Citizen of Warren County aforesaid came before me and made Oath that he is acquainted with the said applicant David Benton, and was with him in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the same company & Regiment after he was transferred from the 4th to the 1st Regiment, that he served more than nine months and is in very reduced circumstances and needs aid from Government.

S/ Joel Gunter, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me.

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

This may certify that Howel Taton [sic, Tatum²] Esquire a citizen of Davidson County in said District came before me and made Oath that from a particular conversation with the applicant David Benton he is well satisfied of the truth of his Statements in his affidavit because he stated circumstances and described particulars of the route of the Army on different occasions, which none could do but those with the Army.

S/ Ho. Tatum, Capt.

Ult of 1st NC Regt.

¹ [Joel Gunter S38780](#)

² [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

Sworn to & subscribed before me.
S/ John McNairy, District Judge

This may certify that Daniel Tolson
Esquire a colonel of Davidson's cavalry
is said to have been before me and
made oath that from a particular
conversation with the applicant
David Benton he is well acquainted
of the truth of his statements in his
affidavit. because he stated circumstances
and described particulars of the route
of the army on different occasions, whose
name could do but those with the army
sworn to & subscribed
before me
John McNairy
District Judge
At Teston this
12th day of April
1819

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 9th April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of Continental Line of said State of the revolutionary war, that David Benton enlisted as a private in said Line for three years and was under the Command of Captain Nelson of the 4th Regiment on the 15th of June 1776 and was discharged 15th of June 1779.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 9: this file erroneously contains the Bounty Land Warrant Record Card for Elijah Benton, a private in the Connecticut line who received a warrant number 5533 conveying 100 acres issued October 14, 1796.]