

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Banner S6562

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

On the 18th day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Superior Court of law for Stokes County in N. Carolina now sitting for the County aforesaid Benjamin Banner a resident of the County aforesaid aged Seventy nine years the 20th of May last who being the first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832---

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated--

That he volunteered as a minute man at Old Richmond Surry County (now Stokes) under Col. Martin Armstrong and Major Joseph Winston; that he served as such under Major Winston in June 1779 a tower [tour] against the Tories; that he joined his company on the Little Yadkin in Surry County; was marched along the Yadkin River to Roan [Rowan] County marched up said river to the Tory Camps. The Tories having collected in considerable force under Col. Gideon Wright; that he was employed in routing & disarming the Tories in the aforesaid tours he thinks-about four or five weeks & was permitted to return home and shortly after marched under Capt. John Halbert against the Tories; was marched through the Quaker settlement in Guilford County & back to Surry -- thinks he was in service about two weeks -- he was then marched to the Old Town in Stokes County under Capt. Halber [sic] was placed under an officer (the name he cannot recollect) to guard the British & Tories who had lately been taken prisoners at the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]; that he guarded the prisoners there two weeks. They were then marched to Hillsbury [sic, Hillsboro] Orange County.

That he was then placed under the command of Capt. Jones of the regular army to guard & convey the military stores or magazine from Salem Surry County (now Stokes) to Henry Court house Virginia a distance of about seventy miles; that he thinks he was employed in this service two weeks; that he served the term of twelve months that the time was in actual service he does not recollect, but thinks he served at least six months.

That he volunteered at Old Richmond in 1780 thinks in the month of August under Capt. John Morgan & Lieutenant Harden on an expedition to the South for a three month Tour. That he was placed under the command of Ambrose Blackburn commissary & served his Tour in collecting provision and driving beeves for the use of the army; that he was discharged by said Blackburn; that his discharge is either lost or destroyed.

That on his interrogation he states that he was borned [sic] in North Carolina Rowan County (afterwards Surry now Stokes) the 20th of May 1753, where he has resided ever since and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and 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. Banner

