

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Bannerman S8055

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State of North Carolina, New Hanover County: Superior Court of Law --Fall term 1833

On this the 28th day of October A. D. 1833 before the Honorable Robert Strange one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in and for the State of North Carolina now sitting and presiding in the Superior Court of Law for the County of New Hanover aforesaid, personally appeared George Bannerman a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-two years the 18th day of February next, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st In a company of New Hanover militia under Captain Thomas James, Seaton Bluford Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Bludworth [also spelled Thomas Bloodworth], John Walker Major in September 1779 and served three months as private; that when he entered the service he resided in New Hanover County N. C.; that he was drafted for this term; that he was in no battle; that he marched on one occasion from the Big Bridge in the County aforesaid where he was stationed to Wilmington, thence back to the Big Bridge; that he was ordered to embody or meet at that place to guard military stores consisting of ammunition and provisions, deposited there; that he remained the most of this tour at the aforesaid place – that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove this service.

2ndly In July 1780 he entered the service again, as a volunteer in a company of New Hanover Cavalry under Captain Charles Simpson in a Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Bludworth and served three months as a private that he embodied or rendezvoused on Black River and marched from thence to Wilmington, thence on the sound; thence back to Wilmington and there stationed a while, thence to Long Creek in said County, thence to Moore's Creek and back to Long Creek and there discharged in October 1780 – that he was in no battle this tour; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person alive by whom he can prove this service.

3rdly The enemy having taken possession of Wilmington and there being a demand for soldiers, he volunteered and entered service again in January or February 1781 in a company of New Hanover militia under the command of Captain James Devane the other officers he forgets, and served four months in this tour, as a private, part of the time under Captain James Moore in General Lillington's [John Alexander Lillington's] brigade; that he marched from Black River in said County where he embodied to the Big Bridge at which place there was a skirmish with the enemy on the East side of the North East River, this applicant being stationed on the West, that from thence he marched to Half-way bluff on Long Creek and there stationed, guards being detached from thence to guard Negrohead Point Road and Cape Fear and the North East River. After having remained there two months he was then selected and detached in a company under Captain James Moore commander of a piece of the artillery

to Rocky Point ferry where he joined General Lillington's Army, thence to Governor Ashe's [Samuel Ashe's] plantation, thence to Rutherford's Mills and there stationed about three weeks, thence to Limestone in Duplin County N. C. and there stationed three weeks thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River in Lenoir County and stationed and remained there about eight days and then discharged; That he has no documentary evidence but can prove this service by James Lee¹ of this County.

4thly In August 1781 he entered service again as a volunteer in a company of New Hanover cavalry under Captain John Devane in a Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Bludworth and served two months as a private, that he marched from Black River in said County to Rocky Point ferry; -- in this tour he and his company were on their marched to join General James Kenan's forces at Rockfish, but before they arrived there, the enemy made an attack upon them and put them to rout – that he served with no Continental regiments or companies; the regular officers he knew were Colonel Malmedy and Major DaBaron French officers; Major Dougharty, Captain Joseph Rhodes in Captain Daniel Williams; that he has no documentary evidence for this tour and knows no person now alive by whom he can prove it.

Answers of George Bannerman the aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by the Court aforesaid prescribed by the War Department.

Ans 1. I was born in New Hanover County near where I now live the 18th February 1762.

Ans 2: I have no record of my age.

Answer 3. When called into service I was living in New Hanover County and have ever since lived there.

Ans 4. In my first service I was drafted & in my others was a volunteer

Ans 5. I beg leave to refer to my declaration – sides the militia regiments therein mentioned I remember Colonel Young's and Colonel Brown's of Bladen

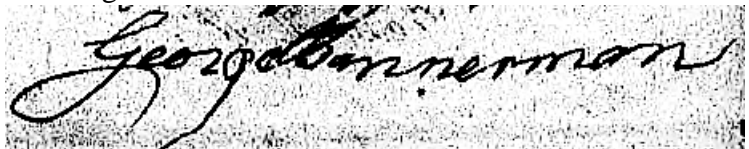
Ans 6. I received a discharge at the end of each of my tours of service, one given me by Captain Thomas James, one by Colonel Thomas Bludworth, one by Captain James Moore and one by Captain John Devane but I have lost them all

Ans 7 John Kerr Esq. James Kerr, James McCalebb, Charles Henry Esq., Robert Murphy, Enoch H. Anders, James Anders, Angus Sellars, Patrick Murphy, Alexander Henry and a great many others I could mention.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 & subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ George Bannerman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Bannerman". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[Charles Henry and James McCalebb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Bladen County

On this the 13th day of December 1833 before the Undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared James Lee a resident of New Hanover County in the State aforesaid aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with George Bannerman the above named applicant a resident of New Hanover County N. C. aged about 72 years, and served with him four months in the Revolutionary war commencing in January or February 1781 in a company of New Hanover militia at first under Captain James Devane at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County and marched from thence to Half-Way Bluff on Long Creek,

¹ [James Lee S7145](#)

from thence he was detached to Rocky Point in a company under Captain James Moore having charge of a piece of Artillery, and at that place we joined some troops under General Lillington, from thence, to Governor Ashe's plantation, thence to Rutherford's Mills, thence to Limestone in Duplin County, thence to Kinston on the Neuse in Lenoir County and discharged.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me and I do hereby certify that James Lee the said deponent is well known to me & entitled to full faith & credit.

S/ Wm Sutton, JP

S/ James Lee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Lee", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[Facts in file: the veteran died June 25, 1841 leaving a widow whose name is not stated; the file contains no reference to any of the children of the veteran, if he had any.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$42.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the infantry & cavalry for one year in the North Carolina militia.]