

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Benjamin Dispain W8670

Lucy

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South Carolina Greenville District

On this 9th Day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions Benjamin Dispain a resident of Greenville District South Carolina aged seventy-five years 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 -- into the service about one year before the battle of Guilford under General Rutherford, Captain Hide [Hyde] and quit the service some time after Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] was taken at Yorktown served the greater part of his time under Captain High and General Butler as one of the light infantry -- was in no General engagements -- lived in Granville County North Carolina when he entered the service -- was drafted the first time and then turned out in the light infantry -- was stationed at Wilmington some time -- marched off [to] the White Marsh, Browning Marsh, Drowning Creek in North Carolina was never out of North Carolina was constantly marching about over the County after the Tories -- had several scrimmages with the Tories -- did not serve with any Continental regiments or officers that he recollects -- did not know any of the regular officers -- He served eight months at one time, and did service at other times, but claims pay for only eight months -- he has no documentary evidence he knows of no one who can testify as to his service whose testimony he can procure.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State -- was born in Warren County North Carolina -- in the year "fifty seven" -- did have a record of his age but it has been destroyed -- was living in Granville County North Carolina when called into the service -- Since the revolutionary war he lived in the Flower Gap in Virginia, and now lives in Greenville where he has lived thirty-six years -- was drafted, the first time he entered the service for five months, he then volunteered for three months did receive a discharge at the end of the war from Captain High which discharge had General Butler's name to it -- was discharged at McLane's Bluff North Carolina does not know what has become of his discharge -- he is known to Robert Foster, Mr. Rowland [?] -- Mr. Tally, Mr. Hunt and others who live in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for truth and good behavior and reputation as a soldier of the revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above stated.

S/ Isaac Daniel, CCP

S/ Benjamin Dispain, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and Robert H. Foster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10: on April 24, 1845 in Pickens District South Carolina, Mrs. Lucy Dispain, aged she believes about 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Dispain, a pensioner for his services in the revolution under the 1832 act; that she married him December 26, 1786 on the top of Flour Gap Mountain which she thinks is in Henry County Virginia; that she had but two children, oath sons, the oldest only 47 years old last August, who was born the 11 years after their marriage; that she has no record of their marriage and does not recall the name of the Squire who married them who was a stranger to her; that her husband died June 24, 1838 and that she remains his widow.]

[Facts in the file: widow died March 22, 1851; she was allowed her pension based on her application filed in 1845; the names of the sons of the veteran and his wife or not given in the file.]