Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Banner W9716 Sarah Banner f38NC
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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes:

Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions for the County of Stokes aforesaid now sitting Joseph Banner a resident of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina aged eighty two years the 28th of last December who being 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 7th June 1832.

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

That he volunteered the 18th of July 1776 at Old Richmond Surry County now Stokes under Capt. Richard Goode marched under Col. Martin Armstrong to the Mulberry fields commonly called Fishing Creek in Wilkes County the expedition was to relieve a fort which was besieged by the Indians on the Watauga River; while at Fishing Creek received intelligence that the fort was relieved; we remained encamped at Fishing Creek three weeks; was marched back to Surry County; was then placed under the command of Col. Joseph Williams & Major Joseph Winston and marched to the Long Island of Holston [River]; lay there about four weeks waiting for the arrival of Virginia Troops. Soon after they arrived [we] were all marched under the command of Genl. Christie [sic, William Christian] to the Indian Towns on Tennessee River. On the arrival of our troops the Indians fled; we destroyed their towns & remained there until there was a treaty of peace concluded with the Indians. Were then marched back and discharged about the first of December 1776.

That his discharge is either lost or destroyed.

1st June 1779 rendezvoused at Old Richmond under Capt. John Halbert, Lieutenant Robt. Hill [Robert Hill] four or five days. The object was to form small scouting parties to disarm & suppress the disaffected part of the community. The party he was attached to was commanded by Maj. Winston; marched to the head of the Little Yadkin; from thence crossed the mountains & down Dan River; from there crossed the country to the Yadkin River; marched down the river & arrived at Old Richmond was permitted to return home on furlough and joined the Company the next day at the burnt mills in Surry County; marched that night about 20 miles to the South side of the Yadkin; was then march back home & discharged for a short time (served in the above named tour five or six weeks) being classed as minute men to march on such occasions at a moment's warning. Served in that manner on various scouting parties for about twelve months until August 1780. He then turned out [as a] volunteer under

Capt. John Morgan & Lieutenant Mark Harden for a three months tour; rendezvoused at the Shallow Ford. Marched from there to Maclenburg [Mecklenburg] & joined the regiment under Col. Paistly [John Paisley]; at that time the British army was in a mile from us. Our Cavalry come in contact with the British advance & had a fight in which Mr. Locke of Salisbury was killed. That night our army retreated and marched all night under Genl. Sumner [Jethro Sumner] and arrived at Salisbury the next day; then marched to the old trading ford on the Yadkin [River]; crossed & made a stand there about two weeks; was marched from there under Genl. Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & Col. Paisley through Salisbury to the 12 Mile Creek near the South Carolina line. There joined the main army under Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Col. Washington [William Washington]; assisted there in building Genl. Morgan's markee [marquee] or tent; was then employed in hauling provisions for Col. Washington's company of horse; remained there until his term expired. Was then appointed to the care of a baggage wagon with the sick and hauled them back (to Old Town Surry County, now Stokes); accompanied the regiment to Salisbury. Discharged thinks sometime in November by Capt. John Morgan; that he don't know what has become of his discharge; the date of the discharge, he does not recollect but the thinks it was in November 1780.

That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania the 28th of December 1749; that he has a family record of the same; that his father removed within Surry County (now Stokes) in 1752 where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension on annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/M. Hill, C.C.C.

S/ Joseph Banner

[Thomas T Armstrong and John Tuttle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Ephraim Banner & Robert Hill being duly sworn state on their oath that they know that Joseph Banner the above named applicant did serve a 5 months tour in the company of Captain Richard Goode that they served in the said company together & was marched to the Cherokee nation that the deponent was in the same expedition.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Hill¹

S/Ephraim Banner, 2 X his mark

Ephraim Banner being duly sworn states on his oath that he knows that Joseph Banner the above named applicant in the company of Captain John Morgan that he was marched to the twelve mile Creek that he served with him during the Tour. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Ephraim Banner, X his mark

¹ Robert Hill S7012

² Ephraim Banner W3923

Benjamin Banner³ & Ephraim Banner being duly sworn state on their oath that they believe that Joseph Banner did serve as a minute man on various scouting parties against the Tories under Major Winston & other officers on different periods in the whole believes at least 6 months & that we'd the deponents was in the aforesaid parties.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ B Banner S/ Ephraim Banner, X his mark

John Tuttle being duly sworn states on his oath that he understood & believes that Joseph Banner the above named applicant did serve as a Soldier in an expedition to the 12 mile Creek that did not see him in the camps as he recollects but that he saw him on his way home from the Army as he then understood & believed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year aforesaid S/ John Tuttle⁴

State of North Carolina Stokes County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County Joseph Banner who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection Not Less Than the Periods Mentioned below and in the Following Grades: for one year I served as a private; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed the 24 December 1832 before me
S/ Thomas Armstrong, JP
S/ Joseph Banner
the said Joseph Banner further makes oath that there is no clergyman in his neighborhood who he could get to certify for him is the reason why he did not in the 1st instant yet such certificate.
S/ Joseph Banner

[p 11: On June 12, 1838 in Stokes County North Carolina, Sarah Banner, aged 82 years 10 August 1837 made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Banner a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him May 16, 1771 the day of the Regulation Battle in Orange or Guilford County North Carolina; that her husband died April 24, 1838; and that she remains his widow; that they were married by the Reverend William Hill by publication of Bans; that she and her husband lived together for almost 67 years husband and wife and had 7 children, to wit, Charles who wrote this declaration was born September 3, 1773, Charity born 9th of February 1776 (now dead), Ruhamer born 23rd of August 1778 (dead), Elisha born December 5, 1782 (dead), Mary born September 17, 1785 (living) who married Joseph V. Grigg living, Sarah born August 23, 1778 who married Charles McAnally (living) & Joseph born January 17, 1792 (living) all of which appears in the record in the family Bible which sees submitted in support of her application. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: family record:

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³ Benjamin Banner S6562

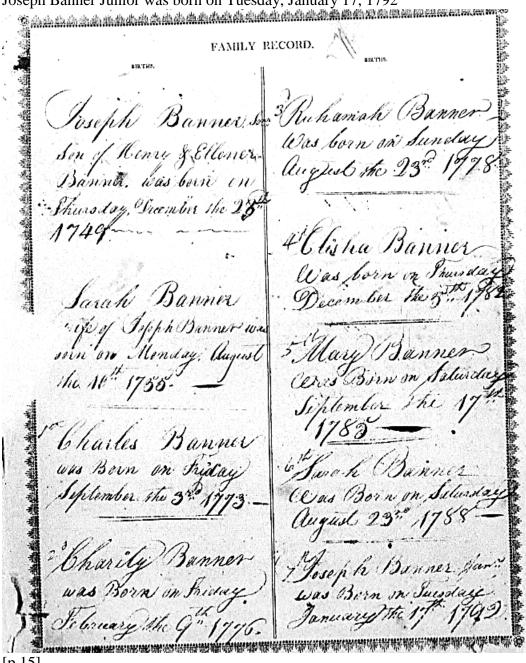
⁴ John Tuttle W4836

Joseph Banner Senior Son of Henry & Ellener Banner was born on Thursday, December 28, 1749

Sarah Banner wife of Joseph banner was born on Monday, August 10, 1755

- 1st Charles Banner was Born on Friday, September 3, 1773
- 2nd Charity Banner was born on Friday, February 9, 1776
- 3rd Ruhamah Banner was born on Sunday, August 23, 1778
- 4th Elisha Banner was born on Thursday, December 5, 1782
- 5th Mary Banter was Born on Saturday, September 17, 1785
- 6th Sarah Banter was born on Saturday, August 23, 1788

Joseph Banner Junior was born on Tuesday, January 17, 1792



Joseph Banner Senior to Sarah M
canally daughter of Charles & Ruhamah M
canally , the $16^{\rm th}$ of May 1771

Charity Banner daughter of Joseph and Sarah Banner was married to Jesse Briggs 12th of February 1795 on Thursday

Charles Banner Eldest Son of Joseph & Sarah Banner was married to Rebecca Evans the 25th day of January 1798 being on Thursday

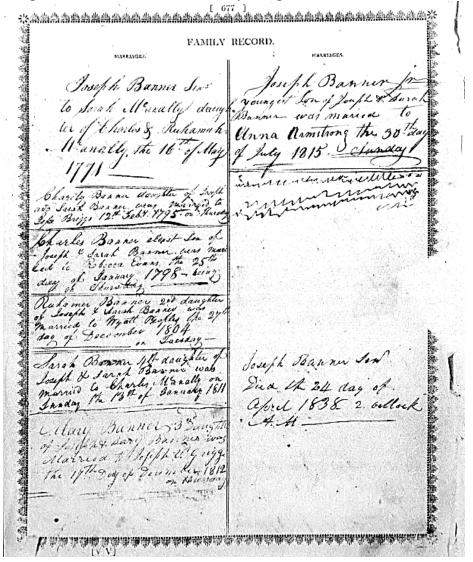
Ruhamer Banner 2nd daughter of Joseph & Sarah Banner was married to Wyatt Peoples the 27th day of December 1804 on Tuesday

Sarah Banner 4th daughter of Joseph & Sarah Banner was married to Charles Mcanally on Sunday, 13 January 1811

Mary Banner 3rd daughter of Joseph & Sary Banner was married to Joseph V. Grigg the 17th day of December 1812 on Thursday

Joseph banner Junior, youngest son of Joseph & Sarah Banner was married to Anna Armstrong the 30^{th} day of July 1815 - Sunday

Joseph Banner Senior died the 24 day of April 1832 2:00 AM

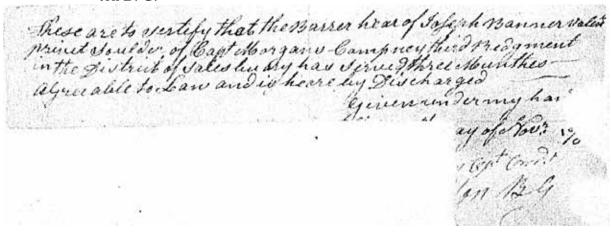


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[image of a partial, damaged discharge: heavily edited see below]

These are to Certify that the Bearer hereof Joseph Banner Valiant private soldier of Captain Morgan's Company third Regiment in the District of Salisbury has served three Months agreeable to law and is hereby discharged

given under my hand ay of Novr. Cpt. Comdt. ton **B**. G.



[p 26] State of North Carolina County of Stokes

Be it known that on this 20th day of October 1838 personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Stokes aforesaid James Davis Senior⁵ of said County (his being a Pensioner of the United States) and being sworn according to law to declare what he may know or remember of services rendered by the late Joseph Banner Deceased as a private Soldier of the Revolutionary war, and if he remembers the date when said Joseph Banner intermarried to Sarah Mcanally the daughter of Charles McAnally in the then Surry County North Carolina Deposeth & saith on his oath as follows (to wit) that he well recollects that he was present at the dwelling house of the aforesaid Charles Mcanally and saw & heard the Reverend William Hill a preacher of the Gospel of the Baptist Church solemnize the rites of matrimony between the aforesaid Joseph Banner & Sarah Mcanally aforesaid some years before he this deponent was married which his said marriage was in August 1777 & thinks their marriage was some to over four years previous thereto, that said Sarah is now his lawful widow, and he further states that said Joseph Banner was a Pensioner of the United States & served in the Expedition to the Cherokee Nation of Indians & other Tours of Service in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War all after he was married to said Sarah now his widow he being an own cousin to this Deponent causes him to remember the events that happened more particularly than he would if they were strangers, and on some routes in the war said Joseph Banner & himself served together as soldiers: he believes at Salem, then in Surry County North Carolina in guarding the Legislature of said State, that he understood that said Joseph Banner who is now dead drew a pension of about \$40 per annum until his death in April 1838.

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⁵ James Davis S2498

Sworn & subscribed the day and year 1^{st} above mentioned before me S/ C. Banner, JP S/ Jas. Davis, Senr.

La Dove Ser.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]