

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Bolen S1790

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State of Tennessee } On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared before the  
Sullivan County } Justices of county court of Sullivan in the State aforesaid John  
Bolen Sr Resident of the state & county aforesaid aged 72 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 provision made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year he thinks 1780 [sic] as a minit man  
[sic: Minute Man] from Henry County [formed from Pittsylvania County in 1777] in the state of  
Virginia under Capt. Abraham Penn & was marched to Jamestown in said state & joined Col.  
Carringtons [Edward Carrington's] Regiment and served under said officers at & near said town  
guarding the magazine and plantations on the Bay & river from the pillage & robbery that was  
daily committed and attempted to be commit by the British troops that then infested the bay &  
river taking & trying to take negroes & stock from the citizens on said waters & was in hearing of  
the guns at Dunmores engagement [probably attack on Lord Dunmore on Gwynn Island, 8 - 10  
Jul 1776] & thinks he served in said tour & marching to & from said place five months at least  
and in a few weeks after returning home to Henry county he was ordered out from Henry  
courthouse to Bedford courthouse under Capt Peter Haston [sic: Peter Hairston] & served  
between two or three weeks in guarding prisoners taken from the enemy

Deponant says he then removed to Montgomery county he thinks then cald Boteytort  
[sic: formed from Fincastle County in 1777; part of Botetourt County added in 1789] in Virginia  
and amediately in a few days after ariving at said place he was Drafted to go against the Indians  
on the Kanaw way [sic: Kanawha River] and marched under Lutenant Isham to some fort in said  
River & was there stationed for some weeks under Capt. parris [sic: George Pearis] and was  
ordered home he thinks he served in said tour from 7 to 8 weeks. Deponant further saeth that  
he was Discharged by the officers under whome he served Towit Col Carrington the first tour  
Capt peter Haston the second and Capt. parris the third and further saith that they are lost worn  
out or destroyed as he put no value on them & cannot say correctly what has come of them,  
further Deponant saith that he does not know of any liveing witnesses with in his reach or  
[illegible word] whereby he can establish the fourgoing facts accept by his own oath. He does  
hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity accept the present and he  
declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state or Tery[to]ry  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Bolen Sr

State of Tennessee }  
Sullivan County } This 25<sup>th</sup> day January 1833 personally appeard before me William  
Rockhold a justice of the peace for the state & County aforesaid  
John Bolin Sr. who Being Duly sworn Deposeth & saith by reason of old age and afflictions for  
many years past and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise  
lenth of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less then the  
periods mentioned below and in the following grades  
1 Tour at least 5 months as a private in the ranks under Capt. Penn & Col Carrington  
2 Tour at least 2 weeks he served under Capt Peter Hasten as a private in the ranks  
3 Tour at least 7 weeks he served under Capt Parris & Lutenant Isham as a private  
Deponant does say positively that his services to the best of his recollection was seven months  
and one week and does enclin to think more but is unwilling to risk his memory & positively say  
more

The Deponant does further say that the above named officers is the only officers under whome  
he served that he can name with precision that there was other officers in the army with those  
mentioned he is free to admit & well Recollects them but their names are lost to his recollection

Deponant Does positively say as to his age he has no record but from the information  
handed him by his parents he is 72 years & some month owld but will not say the number of

months over 72 years And as to where he was born he has been told by his parents it was in Henry County Virginia then he thinks cald Pitsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania, formed from Halifax County in 1767] Deponant does believe all the fourgoing statements made by him to be correct and If any errors it is from the loss of memry John hisXmark Bolen Sr