

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin W. Daniel S3264

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State of Tennessee Stewart County: November Term 1832

On the 7th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Lee, George Atkins and William Ellis the Justices composing the County Court for the County of Stewart and State of Tennessee now sitting Benjamin W. Daniel a resident of the County of Stewart and the State of Tennessee aged eighty-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 seventh 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I volunteered in Rowan County North Carolina the particular date from the infirmities of age cannot now be recall. The term of service was for three months. Captain William Cole was our Captain and Colonel Thomas Wade was our Superior Officer. We marched that down on the Pedee River and were stationed at a Fort on that River for some considerable time while there for a large part of the time I was acting as commissary for the company. After our breaking up at this Fort we were marched to Drowning Creek where we had an engagement with the Tories at a place called Cole's Bridge or Betty's Bridge¹ he does not know which. In this engagement we were defeated and had to make our escape the best way we could. I made for him on foot having lost my horse during the action. I was not discharged regularly owing to the disorder and confused state of things after the battle. Some time after we returned from the tour of service above alluded to General Rutherford was in that part of the country intending to act against the British & Tories and I with others volunteered under him and went again into the service of my country. The term for which I volunteered under General Rutherford was at least three months but I am unable to say how much more. When the names of the officers under Rutherford I have no evidence documentary or otherwise to aid a memory almost destroyed by a period of more than four score years. We marched down the country for a long distance to a mill call I think McFall's Mill, while there the Army under General Butler was encamped on the opposite side of the Creek that supplied the mill. The reasons that this fact is recollected is that there were in the Army under General Butler some old friends that I have known any use and were from the part of the country I had been born and raised in. From there on breaking up we marched but in what direction I am unable to say their having nothing transpired during the period to impress it on my mind when I returned from that campaign news arrived of the capture of Cornwallis and we were all dismissed.

1. Where were you born and when

I was born and Wake County North Carolina I have no record of my age and don't remember the

¹ This MAY be a reference to the engagement at Beatti's Bridge on Drowning Creek which occurred on August 2, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>

exact year or month

2. Where were you living when you entered the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

I was living in Rowan County North Carolina, From there I moved to Rutherford County in the state of Tennessee and after a 12 months residence and there I moved to where I now live in the Stewart County in the State of Tennessee where I have lived 13 or 14 years.

How did you entered the service? By Draft or did you volunteer or were you a substitute and for whom

I volunteered on both occasions But have no documentary evidence to refer to for further particulars

I hereby relinquish all 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.

S/ Benjamin W. Daniel

by A. S. Powell

[Travers Moore and George Cathy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[information in the file: in 1884, Margret Shaw of Metropolis, Illinois stated that her father, Benjamin W. Daniel, was then the only surviving son of Benjamin W. Daniel the Revolutionary War soldier and pensioner who died about February 1849. No other family data is in this file. The veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum payable at the Nashville West Tennessee agency.]