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Virginia documents pertaining to Benjamin Withers VAS5056
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To His Excellency Littleton Waller Tazewell Governor of the State of Virginia
Your Memorialist respectfully represents that his late father in Law Benjamin Withers inlisted in
Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia in a Company commanded by Capt Mark Thomas [R18446] in
Col George Slaughters [George Slaughter W8729] Corps of the Virginia State line of the Army of the
Revolution and Marched to the falls of Ohio River – Louisville where he served and at other Points in the
western country untill his term of service expired. That he knows not any of the particulars of the time of
the enlistment services &c of his late Father in Law further than from hearsay – that his said father in law
died in Bullitt or adjoining County about twelve or fifteen years ago and in his last will and testament
Bequeathed to your memorialist the land to which he became entitled for his Revolutionary services.
There fore he prays your Excellency to grant him the land to which his late Father in Law would have been
entitled to if living and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray
[Certified in Jefferson County KY, 28 July 1835] [signed] David Shain

Report on the claim of the heir of Benjamin Withers a sold'r, or Sergeant, in the Illinois
Regiment, for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor/ Sir,

Benjamin Withers was a Sergeant in Captain Mark Thomas' Company, of the Illinois Reg't. There
are only two payrolls & one muster Roll of this Company, which have been preserved, on the Payrolls
Benjamin Withers appears as a private. On the Muster-Roll, he appears as a Sergeant & to have been in
service from Novr 18 1779 to Novr 30 1781, the time to which the Il. Regt [undeciphered word] down.
(See Muster & Pay roll of Capt Thomas Company Vol. 1 Illinois Papers.)

The Illinois Soldiers enlisted for 3 years, or for 3 years or during the war, or for and during the
war. I have no particular information respecting the term of enlistment of this Soldier, or Sergeant; but will
suppose that he enlisted for the shortest term, for which the Illinois soldiers enlisted, that is to say, 3 years.
If he enlisted Novr 18, 1779, he servd 2 years & more, according to the Muster Roll & Payrolls before
refer'd to.

Slaughters Corps (of which Capt Thomas Company was a part) was discharged, the last of Dec
1781. The officers have rec'd Bounty land and some of them half-pay. The men of this Corps were
dischargd before the expiration of 3 years, (the term of their enlistment) – because the State had no further
need of their services in the Field. They are probably[?] (if not in strict law) entitled to their bounty land.

I have seen no proof, that Benjamin Withers was in actual service, after the last of Dcer 1781. The
fact, nevertheless, may be, that he serv'd longer, to the end of the war.

Benjamin Withers, as Corp'l. of Infantry, in the state line, receivd (by Mr. Strother) a certificate
for £61 the balance of his full pay &c June 12 1783 (see army Register of the state line.)

It does not appear that bounty land has been allowed for the services of Benjamin Withers.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Comr &c/ August 27 1835

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