

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land claim related to Benjamin Kinley BLWt2457-200

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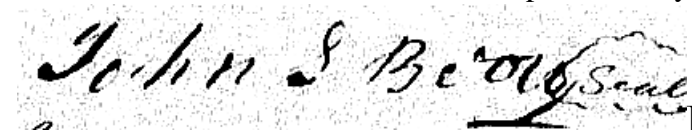
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Rockingham County September Court 1850

On the motion of John Fuls [? Feels?] Administrator of Benjamin Berry, deceased and one of the heirs at law of said deceased & others heirs at law of Benjamin Berry deceased is ordered to be certified that it has this day been proven to the satisfactory of the court that the said Benjamin Berry, late of this County died intestate in the year 1832 aged about 75 years, leaving the following children as his only heirs at law, to wit, McKinley, John, George & David Berry, and Ellen Swatz (formerly Berry) and rode Fuls [Feels?] (formerly Berry) that the said McKinley Berry has since died intestate leaving his wife Catharine, and his children Margaret Ann Trayer (formerly Berry), Phebe Jane Freed (formerly Berry), Elizabeth Dougherty (formerly Berry), Catharine Sinden (formerly Terry) and Archibald very as his heirs at law – that the aforesaid John, George & David Berry, Ellen Swatz, Rhoda Fuls, Catharine Berry, Margaret Ann Trayer, Phebe Jane Freeds, Elizabeth Daugherty, Catharine Sinden and Alexander Berry are now the only heirs at law of the aforesaid Benjamin Perry deceased,  
[Certified as a true copy by Erasmus Coffman, Clerk of the Rockingham County Virginia court ]

[p 3: Power of attorney given by John S Berry heir at law of Benjamin Berry who was the only heir at law of Benjamin Kinley who was a Captain in the war of the Revolution; that Benjamin Kinley entered the service in the year 1777 for the term of during the war and served in the Continental service until he became a supernumerary officer.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John S. Berry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'J' and 'S'. The name is written in a slightly slanted position.

[pp 5-6: copy of the last will and testament of Benjamin Finley of Augusta County Virginia in which he names his nephews Benjamin Berry of the County of Monmouth in the East New Jerseys and Henry Berry. The will was probated in Rockingham County Virginia March 26, 1781.]