

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Baze Thurman R10583

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State of Kentucky Spencer County & Circuit Ct.

On this 28th day of August 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Spencer Circuit Court in the State of Kentucky now setting, a resident of the County of Spencer & State of Kentucky Baze Thurman aged 73 years on the 24th day of January next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He entered the Service as a private soldier in Prince William County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Helm in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lee in the month of May in the year 1776 the day of the month not recollected and served for the full period of five months. He was marched from thence to Alexandria and from thence to Philadelphia and was discharged from the service of the State of Pennsylvania after the expiration of his five months Service as before stated. He states that he was drafted as a pioneer for the purpose of assisting in opening roads along on the Potomac River for the purpose of transporting & provisions and the marching of General Washington's Army that he entered upon this service in the month of June in the year 1777 that he was employed in this service for the Space of four months and was discharged at the expiration of the four months Service aforesaid. He entered the service of the United States as a private soldier as a substitute for John Thurman and was mustered into service at Dumfries in the Company commanded by Captain Brent in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lee and marched from thence to Alexandria and thence towards Philadelphia and was stopped in discharged in the month of October in the same year aforesaid after having served four months. He states that he was drafted for the purpose of guarding the British prisoners and was employed in that service three months at Fauquier Courthouse in the State of Virginia and entered upon the Service in the fall of the year 1780 the day of the month not recollected in all of the tours before set forth, he states, that he served as a private soldier in the Virginia Militia, and was not in any actual engagement. He stated that he was born on the 24th day of January in the year 1763 in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia he has no record of his age, but makes this statement from information, he states that he lived in Prince William County Virginia until the year 1786 when he moved to the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia where he continued to reside, and in Franklin County Virginia until the year 1804 when he moved to Nelson County Kentucky, and resided in said County until the year 1824 when he was stricken off into Spencer County and that he has now resided in Spencer County Kentucky. He states he has no written discharge, nor does he believe he ever received one he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services aforesaid. He states that he knows one William Stout

a clergyman and one George Wells to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Baze Thurman, X his mark

[William Stout, a clergyman, and George Wells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]