

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Berry R24643                      Catharine Berry                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 26 Aug 2017.

District of Columbia, SS.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appears Thomas Berry aged 59 years, resident in Washington County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Thomas Berry enlisted in King George County in the state of Virginia in August 1777 in the company commanded by Captain John Mazzard [sic: John Mazarett R16059] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Reg't of artillery on the continental estab[lishmen]t; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August 1780, when he was discharged from service in Richmond state of Virginia, that he was in several skirmishes with the enemy in and about Hampton in the said state and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, having lost his discharges.

The Commonwealth of Virginia

Fairfax County towit:

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax, Thomas Berry aged Sixty Two years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows vizt: He inlisted in King George County state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Majarts and attached to Colo. Marshalls [Thomas Marshall VAS494] Regiment of artillery of the Virginia line in which he served three years all of which will more fully appear by his declaration of record in the department of war bearing date the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 whereupon he received a certificate of pension bearing date on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 and number 156 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I also declare that I was not bred to any trade, but was formerly a sailor and my present occupation is a course shoe maker which from my advanced age and dimness of sight I am now but little able to pursue that I have a wife aged about fifty years five girl children towit: Nancey aged 26 years a cripple from her infancy Ann aged 18 years, Huriet[?] aged 16 years Elizabeth aged 14 years and Eliza aged 10 years.

Thomas Berry

A Schedule of the property Goods and effects of the above mentioned Thomas Berry by him subscribed and delivered in open Court on making the above Declaration vizt –

3 old Chests. . . . . \$3.—  
three small old tables. . . . . 4.50  
eight old chairs. . . . . 4.—  
old Tubs and Bucketts. . . . . 2.—  
four Pots and ovens. . . . . 5.—  
six knives and forks. . . . . 1.—  
Plates, Dishes. . . . . 2.—

Tea kettle and coffee pott. . . 3.—  
Shoe makers Tools. . . . . 5.—  
\$29.50

Thomas Berry

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Small portions of the online image are missing.]

This is to Certify that Thomas Berry a soldier in Col. Marshall's Reg't of Artillery Company faithfully served three years the term he was enlisted for he is therefore discharged by order of Lt Col [Ed]monds [Elias Edmonds VAS2004] Given Under my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> Aug't 1781 John Mazeret Maj'r  
Copy [?] Vandewall

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

To His Excellency the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia.

The Petition of Catharine Berry, Nancy Berry, Julian Berry, Ann Berry, Antonet Berry, Elizabeth Berry, Harriet Berry, and Eliza Berry, Daughters of Thomas Berry dec'd Humbley sheweth, that their said Father enlisted in August 1777 in the Company of Capt. John Mazart, in the Regiment commanded by Thomas Marshall of Artilley, Virginia Line of the Army, and served as a Private in said Company, until the month of August 1780, when he was discharged, after having served three years, as appears by a transcript herein enclosed taken from the Records in the War Dept U. States. That thereby he became entitled to a Land Bounty from the State of Virginia, and without ever applying therefor he died a bout four years ago intestate leaving the aforementioned children who are entitled to the same as heirs at Law of said Berry.

They therefore pray your Hon'ble Body to grant to them a Warrant for the portion of Land which their said Father was entitled to for his services as aforesaid, and your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c.

Thomas Berry, Private of the Virg'a line

Inlisted in Aug't 1777 in the Comp'y of Capt. John Mazart, Colo Thomas Marshall, Reg't Artillery and discharged in Aug't 1780

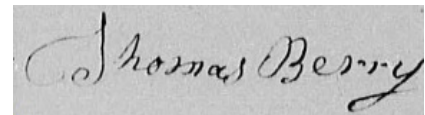
District of Columbia

County of Washington viz

On this twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, in the District of Columbia, appears Maryann Tanner, aged 67 years, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that she was well acquainted with the Family of Thomas Berry dec'd a Revolutionary Soldier, who died about four years ago, leaving a widow and eight daughters, whose names are as follow viz: Catharine, Nancy, Julian, Ann, Antonet, Elizabeth, Harriet & Eliza, all of whom are now living. That there were one or two other Children who died under age and without issue Mary Ann herXmark Tanner

NOTES:

On 4 Sep 1820 Berry applied to have his pension transferred from Washington, DC to Fairfax County. He signed as shown:



On 21 Aug 1838 Catherine S. Berry, 69, of Fairfax County, applied for a pension stating that she was the widow of Thomas Berry, "who was a soldier of the Revolution in Capt. Turnbulls company Col.

Mathew's Reg't. of the Line of Virginia...." These officers were probably Capt. Stephen Turnbull and Maj. Thomas Mathews. Catherine Berry stated that she was married in King George County on 4 Mar 1781 "under 14 yrs of age," and he died 7 Jan 1829. As proof of marriage she submitted the family record from the Bible of her father John Stephens, which is transcribed below. On 4 Sep 1838 Elizabeth Zimmerman and Ann King, 64, sisters of Catherine Berry, authenticated the family record and stated that they had been present at her marriage to Thomas Berry.

Nancy Berry daughter of Thos. Berry and Katy his Wife was born February 6<sup>th</sup> 1790

Thomas Berry, Son of Thomas Berry, and Katy his wife, was Born March 7<sup>th</sup> Anno domini 1792  
And departed this life May 27<sup>th</sup> 1795

John Bachus the Son of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his Wife was born Dec'r 16 1732

Sarah Bachus the Daughter of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his Wife was born Dec'r 17<sup>th</sup> 1737

Thomas Bachus the Son of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his wife was born Oct'r 15<sup>th</sup> 1739

Ann Bachus the Daughter of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his wife was born May [illegible] 1741[?]

Mary Ann Berry Daughter of Thomas Berry and Katy his Wife was born on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Domini 1786

Katy Stephens Berry, daughter of Thos. Berry & Katy Berry born March 23rd Anno Domini 1788

[The following two entries are upside down on the same page as the above.]

Emme Peach ye daughter of John & Hestor Peach was Born ye first day aprill in ye year of our Lord god 1738[?] about four hours in ye [illegible word]

Fielder Peach ye Son of John & Hestor Peach was Born ye 13<sup>th</sup> of December in ye year of our Lord god 1739 about an hour by Sun at [illegible word]

[The following two entries are on the opposite side of the above entries.]

John Stephens Berry Son of Wm. Berry and Marthey[?] was born August 3[?] Anno Domini 1792

Mary Ann Berry was Born on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1786 and Departed this life on Friday July the 1<sup>st</sup> Anno Domini 1791

Death with his dart did Smite my Heart

Before I came to my Prime

My Parents did they Grief forbear

It was Gods Appointed time

William Sertin[?]