

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hazelwood R4811

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State of Tennessee County of Knox

On this 16th day of June 1834 personally appeared before James Wilhite a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Knox and State of Tennessee Benjamin Hazelwood, a resident citizen of Knox County and State aforesaid aged Seventy Seven 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 7th 1832.

That the Declarant Benjamin Hazelwood was born on the 15th of August 1756 of which he has no record. He has preserved the account of record birth from the early information derived from his Parents. Declarant was born on the North Side of James River in Henrico County in the State of Virginia. While a boy, he moved with his father to Lunenburg County. Thence after he had grown up, he moved to Amelia County, where he remained four years. He then moved to Charlotte County, where he remained many years, the number not recollected; Thence he moved to Kentucky, where he remained in Lincoln County four years, when he moved to Anderson County, Tennessee, and there lived for one year, when he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he now lives in the Fork of Holson [Holston] and French Broad rivers. In the month of September day not recollected in the year 1780 Declarant was drafted at his Company muster ground in Amelia County, State of Virginia, for a tour of three months. Captain John Knight commanded the company to which Declarant was attached. Declarant does not recollect by whom he was drafted. He does not think that Captain Knight was present when he was drafted: But that the draft was made under the Superintendence of some other officer whose name he has forgotten. The names of the Lieutenants, Ensign and sergeants & Corporals are not recollected. From the Fork of Nottoway, the House of one Sneed (which was the place of rendezvous) he was marched under Captain Knight across the little Nottoway River, by Chincapin Church, across the Appomattox River towards Petersburg. Declarant recollects that Chesterfield County was one of the Counties through which he was marched. By this route, the places of encampment being forgotten, we were marched to Petersburg, Virginia. At this place we remained until we were discharged in the month of December day not recollected in the year 1780. And here Declarant received his discharge from his Captain for his tour of three months. There were no regulars engaged in this Service. The men were raised for the purpose of protecting that part of the State of Virginia from invasion. There were other companies who were engaged in the same service at the same time and immediately thereafter. The whole Body was Commanded by a Colonel whose name declarant from the very impaired state of his memory is unable to recall. There was also a Major whom Declarant is unable to recollect. In

the following year 1781 in the month of July, day not recollected, Declarant was again drafted for three months at his Company muster ground in Amelia County, Virginia. Declarant was drafted to do military duty and as he understood to go to the Siege of York, or to join the Army against Lord Cornwallis. Captain Peter Johnson was then at Amelia Court House and was engaged in pressing horses for the use of the Army. He was in want of men to assist him in pressing horses and got declarant attached to his company of press men of which he had 8 or 10 men. Declarant was ordered to join Captain Johnson at Amelia Court House. Under Captain Peter Johnson (afterwards Judge Johnson of Abingdon, Virginia] he was engaged in the Service of pressing horses for the use of the Army in Lunenburg, Mecklenburg and Prince Edward Counties, until he was discharged in the month of October day not recollected in the year 1781. Declarant was discharged for his term of three months at the house of one Walton in Amelia County by Captain Peter Johnson. Declarant does not know whether he received written discharges for his tours or merely verbal discharges, with the promise of written ones. If he did receive written discharges, he has lost them, when or where he does not know. Declarant was drafted for two tours of three months each, and was discharged for each of his tours by his Captain's. Judge Johnson, the Captain under whose command he discharged his second tour in pressing horses for the service of the Army died a few years ago in Virginia, and he presumes that his other Captain Knight is also dead. Declarant was informed when he was placed upon the command of Captain Johnson that his tour under Johnson would be the same as a tour in the Army to him, and it was so considered. Declarant never received anything for either of his tours. Declarant has no documentary evidence in regard to his Service, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove his Service. The declarant would refer to the Reverend John G Humbert, Mr. Jonathan Pickel and Captain James Campbell who can be examined as required by the War Department touching his character as a man and the belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 16 day of June 1834 before me
S/ James Wilhite, JP

S/ Ben Hazelwood



[John G Humbert, a clergyman, Jonathan Pickel and James Campbell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: "the printed list of 1852 shows reasons for rejection –'not military service'"]