

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Begly R711

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State of Tennessee } Sct

Morgan County }

on this 29th day of January 1844 personally appeared before me William Buttram one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Henry Begley a resident Citizen of this County aged eighty six years agreeable to his best and undoubted calculation which is from the register taken from the record taken from the record that was kept by his father from which the transer being is a true Copy showing that he was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1756 And after being duly sworn on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

He states that he was born and partly raised in Hampshire County state of Virginia and entered the service of the United States in the frontiers of Virginia in a place then Montgomery County but now the place where he then lived is included in withe [sic: Wythe] County, by volenteering into the malitia service verry early in the spring of 1782 it being the spring next ensueing after the surrendry of Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] at Little York Town he volenteered to serve a Tour of seven months under Captain Robert Crockett Lieutenant James Taylor and belonged to Colonel Prestons [William Preston's] Redgmt the number of the Redgmt he dose not recollect they stationed at a fort at the head of Clinch River and Ranged the age [edge] of Greenbriar [sic: Greenbrier] and various other places and would occasionally return to the Fort One rout went one hundred and Twenty miles down Guian [Guyandotte?] River and was gone just Twenty eight days that time fell in at the head of Sandy River and then returned to the Fort again in this sout a man by the name of Joseph Gilbert was killed and Samuel Lusk was taken prisoner by the Indians he then continued in service some time and was permitted to go home for ten days and then returned and joined the company at the said Fort and then served out the the time and then was honerably discharged by Captain Robert Crockett which was in the fall season of the same year he knowes of no person by whom he can prove his service except this brother William Begley who saw him receive his discharge and Moses Anderson was present when applicant returned home to the house of his aplicants Father in withe County verginia

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity accept the presant and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state

he furthermore states that the reason of his not sooner applying for the benefit of the liberal act is that he lives in a quite remote place on the Cumberland Mountain Twenty Two miles from the court house and there being no public Road leading past him said applicant so that he has had no oppertunity of engaging with a business man to prepare his declaration he once got a Mr Robert A Dabney to promise to come and see him and prepare for him but being so much out of the way that Dabney never came and aplicant being old infirm and unable to travel so that his presant agent has now came to his house together with a justice of the peace which is the first oppertunity that ever has been presented

sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written [signed] Henry Begly

NOTES:

Begly's claim was rejected on the grounds that tours for militia service were limited by law to three months each. For a discussion of actual terms of militia duty on the Virginia frontier, see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).

On 29 Jan 1844 William Begley (as he signed), stated that he was then 75 and was 14 when he saw Henry Begly receive a discharge for seven months service.