

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Berry R795

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State of Texas. }
County of Caldwell. }

On this the 11th day of June A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me Garrison Greenwood, Chief justice of the County aforesaid, in the state aforesaid, Francis Berry, aged ninety 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. The said Francis Berry being now a resident of the said County of Caldwell, and State aforesaid.

He states that he was born in Augusta County, State of Virginia, in the year 1762, and was principally raised in Washington County, Virginia. He has no record of his age – there was one in Washington County, Virginia, but does not know whether, or not, it is now in existence, nor can he now obtain it, if it be in existence. When called into service he was living in Washington County Virginia, Lived in said County and State until he was thirty years of age and then moved to the State of Tennessee, thence to Illinois, and from there to the State of Texas, in the year 1823, where he has ever since resided: That he was draughted into the Militia of Virginia in Washington County, in said state, and was mustered into the service of the United States by Captain James Montgomery at his house, in said County and State, in accordance with a call, for the Militia, made by Colonel Arthur Campbell, of Washington County, Virginia, who lived at a well known place, in said County, called the “Royal Oak.” He does not recollect of meeting with any Continental regiments, or of seeing any Regular officers of the United States army, While he was in the service in North Carolina, the Company to which he belonged was united with several companies from the Territory of Tennessee. There were about six hundred men in the various Companies. There were a number of officers, but he cannot now recollect the names of any of them except Captain Sevier, who commanded a Tennessee Company. The Company of Captain Montgomery was raised to go to North Carolina, to fight the Tories; he cannot, on account of his age and consequent forgetfulness, state the exact time when he was thus called out and mustered into the service, but he believes that it was after the battle of Kings mountain was fought [7 Oct 1780], neither can he state the time when he left the service, but believes the period of his service to have been three months; he was in no engagement while he was out; he marched out of Washington County, Virginia, under the command of Captain James Montgomery, into the State of North Carolina, into Rowan County; and he believes also into Guilford County; he recollects of passing through the town of Slisbury [sic: Salisbury], in his march, and of being several times in said town, while he was in the service in North Carolina. Captain Montgomery’s Company was a horse company, (the men furnishing their own horses) and was disbanded in Rowan County, North Carolina. He states that he never received any discharge, nor any pay for his services. He was mustered into service as a private soldier, and continued to serve as a private until the Company was disbanded. He has no documentary evidence; that he can produce to prove his services, and he knows of no person, whose evidence he can procure, who can testify to his service. the service that he performed was in the field, and during the period of his service he was not employed in any civil pursuit whatever.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of Agency of any State.

[signed] Francis Berry