

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin H. Munday S10250

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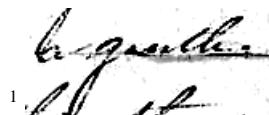
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State of Virginia Essex County to wit

On this 16th day of March 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Essex County now sitting Benjamin H Munday a resident of said County aged seventy-two years on the 14th of July next 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. He took the place of Robert Beverley as a substitute sometime in the early part of the year 1781 the same year that the British Army surrendered at York town Virginia and marched in a Company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain William Waring the other Officers not recollected from the County of Essex to a place called Morvan or Morban Hills [Malvern Hills] in New Kent County Virginia and the said Company was then attached to a Regiment of Militia under the command of Colonel Holt Richardson; a [indecipherable word]¹ man by the name of Baytop [probably James Baytop of Gloucester County] commanded as Major the other field Offices if there were any, not recollected, the Regiment was marched from the last named place to Richmond Virginia and was there when the Warehouses were burnt by a part of the British Army commanded by Cornwallis – this happened sometime in the early part of the Summer [the warehouses at Manchester were burned April 30, 1781] of the same year; the Regiment then retreated about 40 or 50 miles above Richmond where his term of service having expired he was discharged. During this tour he served two months. After joining the Regiment at Morban or Morvan Hills as above stated he was transferred to a Company of Artillery commanded by Captain Whitehead Coleman – attached to the same Regiment in which said company Edmund Brocke commanded as Lieutenant. Immediately after his return home from the service above named he the said Benjamin H Munday took the place of a man by the name of __ Small [?] of Caroline County as a substitute in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Jameson the other company Officers not recollected, then attached to the __ Regiment of Militia on duty in the County of King and Queen the Officer then in command of the Regiment was Colonel John Taylor the names of the other Officers not recollected, the Regiment marched to different points in the County last named to wit – the Burnt Mill old Church &c to Hubbard's old fields, Whiting Mill &c in the County of Gloucester he served during this term of two months during the time that this deponent was in duty in the Regiment last named Colonel Taylor retired from the service & the Regiment was subsequently commanded as well as can be remembered


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by Colonel Holt Richardson.

After the service last stated he returned home and remained only a few days, when he was drafted and marched in company commanded by Captain Thomas Allen the other company officers not recollected together with a Company commanded by Captain Thomas Evans to some point near James Town where the two last mentioned Companies were attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holt Richardson the other Officers not recollected & remained for some short time in and about Jamestown & marched thence to a Point near York Town Virginia the British Army being then in York where he remained until he was discharged he served during this tour two months.

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 the Agency of any State.

S/ Ben H. Munday



[Philip Montague, a clergyman, and Robert Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Essex County to wit

I Benjamin H Munday aged 73 years in July next do hereby certify that my declaration for a pension now on file in the War Department under the act of the 7th of June 1832 contains as full and detailed and account of my services and the names of the company and field officers under whom I served as I can at this time furnish, that this application for a pension was delayed because Jeremiah Munday (who was a pensioner under the Act of 7th of June 1832) was the only individual whom he knew that could testify as to all the service rendered by me as a soldier of the Revolution – that the said Jeremiah lived in the State of North Carolina a distance of 400 miles from my residence, that the said Jeremiah was old and infirm & I was apprehensive I never should be able to avail myself of the benefit of his testimony, but contrary to expectation, the said Jeremiah visited Essex County the place of his nativity in the year 1835, when my declaration for a pension was prepared and forwarded to the war Department. – Then never was an original affidavit with his signature that to annexed made out by him. The said Jeremiah died about the time I was informed that "the original affidavit of the said Jeremiah Munday, with his proper signature would be required;" and I have been unable owing to the great lapse of time and death to procure testimony of my having rendered service other than of Carter Croxton² hereto annexed.

S/ Ben. H. Munday

State of Virginia Essex County to wit

This day Carter Croxton of said County personally appeared before me Thomas C Gordon a Justice of the Peace for said County and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith

That he is now in the 78th year of his age, that during the war of the Revolution, he served three years in the Regular Army and subsequently in the Militia and that he is now receiving a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – that in the autumn of 1781 after the expiration of his term of service in the Regular Army he marched in a Company of Militia from the County of Essex commanded by Captain Thomas Allen in which John Haill acted as

² [Carter Croxton S9250](#)

Lieutenant to a place at or near James Town and at the same time and to the same place another company also marched from the County of Essex under the command of Captain Thomas Evans – when the two Companies arrived at the last named place they were United to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Holt Richeson – the said Regiment remained in and about James Time Fort some short time, and marched thence to York Town Virginia, Lord Cornwallis with his Army then having possession of the place, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richeson was stationed in the neighborhood – This deponent well recollects that Benjamin H Munday, performed duty for two months in the Company commanded by Captain Allen during the tour herein before stated and that he served faithfully until he was regularly discharged. He further states that he has been acquainted with the said Benjamin H Munday for nearly sixty years, that he has ever been esteemed a gentleman of honesty and strict veracity – that he believes him to be upwards of seventy years of age and although he cannot state of his own knowledge, that he rendered other service than in the Company of Captain Allen, this deponent having for the 3 or 4 years preceding been absent in duty in the Regular Army. Yet it is believed by all who know him that he did and this deponent doubts not the fact.

S/ Carter Croxton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carter Croxton". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]