

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Washburn S11696

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Presiding Judge of the County Court of Shelby in open Court Benjamin Washburn a resident of Shelby County & State of Kentucky aged sixty-eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 or 79 and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor. He was enlisted by Captain Jack Roberts [probably John Roberts] who was readily [?] promoted to a Major in Taylor's Regiment & he was commanded by James Purvis Captain & John Slaughter Lieutenant & William Hampton Ensign Peter Moore was adjutant. The Regiment to which he belonged guarded the Albemarle Barracks where Burgoyne's Army was held as prisoners. He enlisted to guard the prisoners of Burgoyne's Army so long as it should be necessary. He continued in that service between 2 & 3 years – when there was danger of Cornwallace [Cornwallis] retaking the prisoners we marched them over the Blue Ridge to a place called Gilberts. After a short time they were marched back & again we marched them to Winchester Virginia where we remained some time. We then marched them beyond Winchester & we were relieved by other soldiers – He thinks by Maryland troops – He received his discharge at Winchester from he thinks Major Roberts – which discharge he lost or mislaid.

After his discharge he again entered the service as a militia man & was at the taking of Cornwallace. When he enlisted he resided in the State of Virginia in the County of Culpeper. The government [indecipherable word or words] & I sold my discharge to Samuel Ferguson. He cannot recollect the exact time he was in the service. He thinks about 2 years & 6 months

S/ Benj. Washburn, X his mark

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or territory.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Washburn, X his mark

Micajah Neal¹ being sworn in open court states that he was acquainted with Benjamin Washburn whose declaration is above, the statements in said declaration are true & he believes that the Benjamin Washburn who makes the declaration is the same Benjamin Washburn who served in the Army of the revolution.

S/ Micajah Neal

¹ FPA R7579

Hezekiah Neal

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]