

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Pendleton S14127

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

On this 5th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Asher W Graham Judge of the Warren Circuit Court now sitting Benjamin Pendleton a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-one years the 3rd day of this month 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.

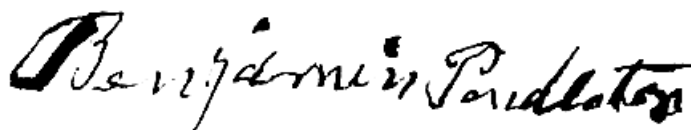
That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 as a volunteer under Captain John Chambers it being a call made for the purpose of marching to Guilford where there was a battle fought, but this applicant and the company of Captain John Chambers did not reach Guilford to the battle was over, and had to return without being in any engagement with the enemy. After the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] it was understood that Lord Cornwallis was directing his course to Virginia. It was then that this applicant after having returned home again entered the service of his country as a volunteer for the term of three months under the command of Captain William Perkins. This was in Buckingham County, Virginia, where this applicant then resided, as did also Captain Perkins, Captain Perkins did not remain very long in command not longer than a month when Captain Caldwell, whose given name this applicant thinks was John, took command of the company, This Captain Caldwell was a brave and worthy man, and in whom they all placed the most implicit confidence. The British with Lord Cornwallis it was said was aiming to get to Clinton, and it was understood that General Washington was to send a reinforcement to counteract their progress in Virginia, which was done. General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] was sent to pursue the British, by General Washington Captain Caldwell marched with us till we came up with General Wayne at a bridge in Culpeper County, we were then in the pursuit of the British under General Wayne a long time, Sometimes we were at the place they had just left, and we were hastened in our marches under the expectation of coming up with them hearing frequently that they were but a little ahead of us. We continued thus in brisk pursuit of them till we came up with them at Jamestown, not far from Williamsburg, a little above which place we had a battle. On our side there was but one killed, and not far from this we had another skirmish with them. From James town the principle part of the British embarked in their vessels which were waiting here for them. Some went by land. This was about the first of August this applicant thinks, when they were all disbanded and went home: About the first of September he again entered the service under the command of Captain Peter Garon, to go to York where the British had gone. There were two companies went from Buckingham in this trip, the other under the command of Captain Watkins. We then marched on to York and joined the main body under General Washington and aided in taking and besieging Yorktown. The British surrendered [October 19, 1781] and gave up their guns, and Lord

Cornwallis was permitted to go home; and that was the end of the war. We were engaged in service about five months on this trip.

This applicant further states that there were various other times when he served as a soldier in the revolution when sudden calls were made, but from infirmity and the frailness of his memory he cannot now designate them but thinks he must have been engaged in the service of his Country as a soldier upwards of one year, he states that his discharges are lost, or mislaid, he also states that Nathan Neighbors was often with him at Jamestown. –

I Benjamin Pendleton do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
– Sworn to and submitted the day & year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin Pendleton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Pendleton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

I Nathan Neighbors¹ of the County and State aforesaid do Certify that I am now drawing a pension for my revolutionary services, that I was in the battle of Jamestown under Generals Washington and Wayne and was one of the mounted infantry commanded by Captain Stewart, and that I saw Mr. Benjamin Pendleton the present applicant for a pension in the service at Jamestown, and that we were both under General Wayne and were both frequently together.
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Nathan Neighbors, X his mark

[David L Mansfield, a clergyman, and James W Tiller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The applicant in the within declaration would state as an amendment thereto that he knows he served five months under Peter Garon as mentioned in his said declaration, and that he could state with certainty that he served one month at the various times alluded to in the said declaration, he is convinced he served more but is willing to put it at one month which is certain and that in all he served twelve months.

S/ Benjamin Pendleton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia service.]

¹ Nathan Nabors (Neighbors) FPA S35543