

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Beverley Daniel S15795 VA
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State of Ky Montgomery county} SS

On this 3^d day of Dec'r. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court for the county aforesaid now sitting Beverly Daniel aged Seventy two years on the 11th day of February next residing in the county aforesaid and state aforesaid 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 the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He states he was born in the county of Middelsex Virginia in the year 1762 on the 11th of Feb. From thence moved to Caroline county. From thence to Spotsylvania county [sic: Spotsylvania County]. He states that his Father was drafted in this county he thinks in the fall of 1779 to go on an Expedition to Portsmouth in the character of a Sergint and as his Father was near fifty years of age his Mother was desireous he should take his place. which he did and after following after the army about four days he says he overtook it at Fredricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] having halted at that place. He states he then took his father's place and acted as a Serjent but the name of his father was never stricken off the roll which was ordered to be done but neglected by the orderly Serjent. He states he alwas answered to his father's name. He states he was commanded by capt. Tolls [sic: Towles] and he is of opinion his Major was by that name also [Thomas Towles]. He states he was under the command of General Weeden [sic: George Weedon]. He states that as the object was to prevent the British from committing depredations on the inhabitants. They having landed at Portsmouth. But before we arved at the place we rec'd. information that they had left the country. And we were discharged after a tour of somthing like eight weeks. The next Tour was from the same county as a substitute for a tour of five months for Mordica Howard [Mordecai Howard] under capt upshire [sic: Upshur] & col [Sampson] Mathews (the name of the Major forgotten) He states they rendezvoused at Chesterfield And marched to Williamsburg and their continued untill we were discharged by capt Upshire for a tour of two months The next was as a volunteer under capt white and started on the Expedition and had not proceeded more then seventy or eighty miles before we were discharged having been gone somthing like fifteen days he states he performed two such trips in the Spring of 1780. The next was a tour of two months as a substitute for George Guisenberry in the Spring of 1781 from the same county under Capt Webb & col Edmonson [probably Edmondson] Lieutenant James Sanders & Ensign Coward We rendezvoused at Louisa court house He states from thence we marched down to Richmond and there we continued untill we were driven out by Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis]. We then marched twelve miles from Richmond that night. which was on Saturday here we continued till Sunday night & some time during that night the British overtook and routed us [27 May 1781] we then were compeled to retreat to the little Mountain in Culpepper county [sic: Culpeper County] here we were relieved by General Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781] We then wheeled on the British and forced them to retreat and pursued them. He says that at the Mountain above spoken he requested General Wain to join his Brigade the general looked him in the face and asked him If he could fight on which he told him he felt like he wanted to try It The general directed him to do so and he joined a company commanded by Capt Duffy We persued the British at old James Town where we fought them somthing like five hours and kept the ground [Battle of Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, 6 Jul 1781]. But with a very considerable loss the British marched off in order. He states that in this battle he received a wound in the leg we continued our march from thence to York. On our arival at York he he states he joined his own company and here he continued till discharged by his Capt. for the above tour of

two months

The next was a short tour at this place as a substitute for [blank] his time having nearly expired to within to weeks or perhaps more and as he had a family and was very anxious to see them he took his place and served out his time The next was a short tour still at York as a substitute for Daniel Baldwin of something like the same length of time under capt White under whom he had served the year before and he states that during his continuing at York corn Wallis surrendered his forces to general Washington in the fall [19 Oct] of 1781. He states he has a record of his age at home

He states he knew General Marcus Lafayette [sic: Marquid de Lafayette] General Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] General Green [see endnote] & General [Robert] Lawson and Washington all of whom he well remembers

He states that the Reverend John Hann and William Baldwin will state as to my character for varacity and my reputation as a soldier of the revolution. He states he moved from the state of Virginia to the state of Ky to the County of Fayette [sic: Fayette] in 1789. And from thence to Mercer from thence to Franklin Co from thence to Clark from thence to Montgomy and here he now resides. He also states he has no documentary evidence having lost all his discharges.

He hereby relinquishes all and 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Beverley Daniel

State of Kentucky } SS

Estill County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for county aforesaid Beverly Daniel who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades The first Tour he says that he served in his fathers place as spoken of in his original declaration was for eight weeks at least and in the capacity of Sergeant from the same place as therein named – The next was a tour of two months at least as a substitute as spoken of in his original declaration and under the officers as therein named and from the place as stated in his original declaration in the capacity of a private – The next was as a substitute for Mordaca Howard from the place as named in his original declaration and under same officers as therein named as a private on this Tour he says he was gone at least two months as he now distinctly remembers. The next was on a tour of fifteen days at least of active services as a private under the officers as named in his original declaration and under same officers as therein mentioned – The next was on a tour of two months at least of active service under the officers as stated in his original declaration from same place as therein named as a private and as a substitute for George Guisbury. On this tour he says he received a wound in his leg which at times hurts him very much as it took off some part of the bone – He says he received this wound at James Town – The next was a short tour from same place and as a substitute for a man whose name he has forgotten as a private under the officers as named in his original declaration On this Tour he says he was gone and served a tour of at least two weeks – The next was a tour of at least two weeks as a substitute for Daniel Baldwin as a private soldier from same place as stated in his original declaration and under the officers as therein named – An for the above several Tours of duty he claims a pension

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th Feb 1834

[signed] Beverley Daniel

NOTE:

Gen. Nathanael Greene passed through Virginia briefly in Nov 1780, and it is doubtful that Daniel had an opportunity of seeing him.

On 9 Oct 1844 Daniel applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois having moved to

Sangamon County because "his children lived in Illinois and he wished to close his life in their presence." He signed with his mark. On 5 Nov 1845 Daniel applied to have his pension moved back to Kentucky, having returned to Montgomery County for the following reason: "That some time in the Spring of '45 he moved from the State of Kentucky to Illinois he having a Daughter living there. and was taken with the chills & fever and continued to chill until he removed to Kentucky, and the last remove was for his health." His statement was certified by A. C. Daniel, Justice of the Peace. Beverley Daniel signed with his mark.