

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Sanford (Sandford) Berry S1638

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County,

On the day of 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832, Personally came before he Justices of the court of pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting, Sandford [sic] Berry as a resident of the State & County aforesaid, aged about seventy years old, who being duly sworn in according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier under the following named officers & served as herein stated: entered the service as well as he remembers in the Spring of 1781, being then a resident of Laurens County & the State of South Carolina; went out as a volunteer Militiaman (the regiment not recollected) under Col. McCoy [probably James McCoy] & Gen. Twigs [sic, John Twiggs] & Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke], & Capt. Keer[?], probably Captain Henry Karr or Kerr of Franklin County, Ga] of Augusta Georgia where we besieged a Fort commanded by Grayson & Brown. Thence we marched to Spirit Creek Bridge where we encamped. While there where the army was stationed, detachment was commanded by Gen. Twiggs who crossed the Ogeechey [sic, Ogeechee] River at a place called the Indian Old Fields, where we attacked & defeated a body of Indians.

He has a perfect & distinct recollection of the Siege of Augusta before spoken of. The British or Tory Colonel Grayson who commanded one of the forts was taken prisoner & was shortly put to death by some person belonging to the American Army. The fort commanded by him was first taken. The Army then attacked the Fort commanded by Gen. Brown, commonly called "burnt foot Brown". In the attack on the fort commanded by Grayson, we used a moveable battery drawn by Horses.

After the capture of Augusta as before stated, we marched to Spirit Creek Bridge where there were Grist & Saw Mills, about twelve miles below Augusta where we remained as well as he recollects nearly twelve months except when absent on Detachments. Gen. Twiggs commanded at that place, the troops under his being Militia. He was personally acquainted with General Twiggs during the war & afterwards. Gen. Clarke commanded the Regular troops at siege of Augusta & Twiggs the Militia. He did

not volunteer to serve for any specific time, but he is confident that he served altogether more than one year. He did not obtain a written discharge from the Army. He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power to prove his services nor does he know of any person now living & in his power to procure by whom he can prove his said services or any part thereof. He was born in Albemarle County, Virginia in the year 1762, according to his best recollection of the account given by his parents having no record of his age; his father removed from Virginia for Laurens County, South Carolina when he was an infant. He continued his residence there until about the year 1801 when he removed to Jackson County, Georgia where he resided ten years, then removed to Wilson County Tennessee where he remained one year & then removed to Franklin County, Tennessee where he has continued to remain ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except & declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Test: S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Sanford Berry, X his mark

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

[John Hamilton & William A. Murray, neighbors gave the standard certification of age and reputation of applicant.]

State of Tennessee, Franklin County

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of the County & State aforesaid, now sitting, Sanford Berry, a resident of said County and State, aged about 71 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath, make the following amendment, or in addition to his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

From defect of memory, he is unable to state with precision the length of time he served, but is confident he served more than one year, for which time only, he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, August 26, 1833.

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Sanford Berry, X his mark

[Hutcheson Murphy, a clergyman, and Gabriel Jones, Esq., give certification of the applicant's age and reputation as a Revolutionary soldier.]

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