

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Letchworth S16918

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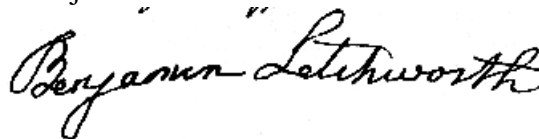
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State of Missouri County of Cooper: SS

On this 26 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Cooper Circuit Court Benjamin Letchworth resident of the County of Cooper and State of Missouri aged seventy-five years who being 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 June 7th 1832 – that he enlisted in the Army of the United States (The date of enlistment & the date of the discharge he does not recollect & the discharge being lost) he enlisted some short time previous to the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] for the Term of two years in the State of Virginia & County of Louisa in the Company commanded by Thomas Johnston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer [Hugh Mercer] afterwards General Mercer & on his promotion, by Colonel Thomas Marshall in the line of the State of Virginia in the third Regiment on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of 2 years from the time he enlisted and that was regularly discharged being at the battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], Brandywine and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and several other Skirmishes – he was discharged from the service at the Valley Forge camp in the State of Pennsylvania. That 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 any Agency in any State.

S/ Benjamin Letchworth



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]