

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Depp S2511 VA
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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct

On this 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court for the County aforesaid William Depp a resident of he County and State aforesaid, aged seventy two years on the 25th of March 1833, 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 June 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Powhatan County Virginia on the 25 day of March 1761. In the year before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] he entered the service of the United States as a private in the Virginia Militia under captain Thomas Harris, 1st Lieutenant George Smith, he thinks, the other company officers he does not remember. He joined the company at Westham where he assisted in carrying Morgans [Gen. Daniel Morgan's] men over James River to go on to join Gr[?; probably Gen. Nathanael Greene] From Westham he went to Manchester where we waited & assisted in guarding the boats until Genl Steuben [Baron von Steuben] landed at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg]. At Manchester he was placed under a Regular Major at ware bottom Church in Chesterfield County where he was marched after Steuben landed at Petersburg. At Ware Bottom Church he met Steuben where he was on parade half a day to meet him but Steuben went off down the River. It was late in the year 1780 that he entered the service under Harris, but cannot say what month. He remembers no other officers except those he has named. He was Discharged at Ware bottom Church. On this Tour he served at least six weeks as a Private in the Virginia Militia.

On the first of January 1781 he again entered the service under Captain Robert Hughes at Powhatan Court House. His other officers he does not remember. From Powhatan Court House he was marched to the House of Gen'l [Robert] Lawson in Prince Edward County Virginia, where he remained until a Regiment was formed under Genl. Lawson, Major [St. George] Tucker and Col Randall [Beverley Randolph?]. From thence he was marched to the Hanging Rock [more likely High Rock Ford] not far from Guilford Court House North Carolina, where he joined Genl. Green and marched under him to Guilford Court House. He had not long been there before the Battle of Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] with the British and Tories, commanded as he is informed, by Cornwallis. In which Battle he was engaged. He escaped without wounds. He cant say, however, that he was engaged actually in the Battle because he was picked out as one of the Bully Guard [baggage guard?] which was not engaged in Battle although it was present. He went after the Battle after the British until he reached Rocky River wher he was discharged. He received no written Discharge. On this Tour, to the best of his recollection, he served three months as a private in the Virginia Militia.

Sometime in May, he cant recollect exactly, 1781 he he again entered the service under Captain [Isaac] Porter 1st Lieutenant George Smith, 2nd d[itt]o George Smith two brothers of different mothers of the same name. He was engaged in collecting the Boats at Judes Ferry on James Ferry [sic: James River near Subletts, Powhatan County]. He did nothing but guard and collect boats on this Tour. He was discharged, after the boars were collected, he thinks, at Woodsons Ferry. On this Tour He served at least two months as a Private in the Virginia Militia. No other officers, but those mentioned are remembered. He has no Documentary evidence, nor does he know of any Person whose testimony he can porocure who can Testify to his services except the Affidavit of Benjamin Barnards [Benjamin Barnard, pension application S9096] which is herewith sent for consideration marked A. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he saith:

1st—

He was born in Powhatan County Virginia on the 25th day of March 1761

2nd

He has a Record of his age at home in this County.

3rd

When called into the service he lived in Powhatan. Since the War he has lived in Buckingham County Virginia – then in Chesterfield county – then in Powhatan. From thence he came to Kentuck in 1795 and lived in Fayette [sic: Fayette County] near Lexington near 7 years and then settled in Barren County Kentucky where he now lives.

4th

He was Drafted, as he supposes.

5th He would name [as a regular officer where he served] Genl Green. He remembers no others now. He cant remember any Continental or Militia Regiments by name or number.

6th

He never received a Written Discharge.

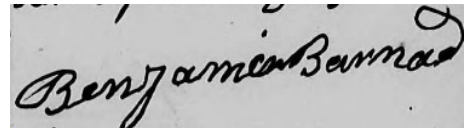
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He would name [as neighbors who can testify to his veracity and his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution], Col Joseph Hardin, William Courts, Andrew Nuckolds, Pouncey Nuckolds, old Mr. House, Bowman Ritter, and William Martin. He does not suppose that Bernard's Deposition will be construed to say that he served his first Tour of 6 weeks under Captain Hughes, but if it is, he conceives that it was a mistake for he served said Tour under Captain Harris.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

William hisXmark Depp

I Benjamin Bernard of the County of Powhatan and State of Virginia do Hereby Certify that William Depp formerly of said County and State but as I am now informed in Barren County and State of Kentucky entered the Service of the Revolution with myself belonging to the Company Commanded by Capt. Robert Hughes. First Duty was Guarding the Boats along James River from Judes Ferry to west Ham up and down sundry times say five or six weeks. Second we started from Powhatan Court House under the Command of said Hughes to Guilford Court House & suppose that we was gone three months the commander in chief I think was Gen'l. Green the other officers I do not distinctly recollect and from the old church Register I find my age to be seventy six January 1st 1833

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Bernard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.