

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Delaney S2527 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee } February Sessions 1833
Sullivan County }

On this 19th day of February 1833 personally Appeared in Open Court being the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of said County before the Justices of the Court Benjamin Dulany a resident citizen of said County aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn on his corporal oath doth make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress pass'd 7th June 1832 That in the year 1777 in the month of March as well as he remembers he volunteered under Capt James Pendleton in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia and marched towards the mouth of James River and before the troops arrived at the place of destination news reached the troops of the capture of Philadelphia by the British [26 Sep 1777] and Gen'l Washington having required Colo James Barbours Regiment to reinforce his Army the troops then marched in that direction but this applicant was then dismissed having served three months including going to & returning Immediately on this applicant being dismissed from his service he again volunteered under Captain Henry Hill and marched with Colo Barbours Regiment to Gen'l Washingtons head quarters. This applicant believes he entered the service with Capt Hill on the 25th day of July in the year 1777 and the troops joined Genl Washington army in Pennsylvania near Jermantown [sic: Germantown] and he was then placed under the command of Colo Crawford and was then employed in scouting during which time this applicant in the wood found about three dozen muskets and after having procured help carried them to camp this applicant expected to receive pay for his prize but did not obtain any, he was with the army until about the 10th of October following and was out on the campaign before he returned home three months or more he was dismissed without any written discharge

This applicant next served a campaign under Capts Basey Zimmerman Duncan and Greene which was volunteer and was in the command of Major Waugh he was in that service in Caroline Surry Sussex Amelia and Fluvana [sic: Fluvanna] Counties and was stationed a few days on the north side of James River and at the Bolengreen [sic: Bowling Green in Caroline County] and seved in that campaign three month at least as he believes

After that campaign in the winter 1777 1778 [sic] he again entered the service under Capt Hill and marched to guard the prisoners taken at the surrender of Gen'l Burgoine [sic: Burgoyne, captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779] they met the prisoners and marched them to Albemarle Barricks and there guarded them from December til April and was in service on that campaign four months or more.

In the year 1779 or 1780 [sic] he served again a campaign under Capt Robert Pollard a volunteer and served at Richmond and Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] and was in the Battle at Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and served three months in that campaign

After that campaign he again volunteered under Capt Woodford in the light infantry & in that service at Shurley hundred [sic: Shirley Hundred] at one Carters (he believes his given name was Charles) the troops threw up a breast works two British vessels came under the guns and were taken by the Americans and he understood the prize money amounted to twenty four hundred pounds a man but this applicant never received any of his share Colo Alexr Dick [Alexander Dick] commanded at that place On that campaign he served from June til September three months nearly all the white men were killed on the vessels whilst with Colo Dick in reconnoitering the British fleet he was hailed by a British soldier and then squatted down and shot the soldier which brot on a skirmish in which 12 or 15 prisoners and 100 sheep were taken

Shortly after that campaign he again volunteered under Colo Pendleton as he lieves Captain Marryfield [Merifield?] and was at the siege of York in Gen'l Washington army and after the surrender [19 Oct 1781] guarded the prisoners to Frederick County Winchester barrick and returned home in November and was in service on that campaign he believes nine months having been in the summer preceding in Gen'l Lafayetts [sic: Lafayette's] Army and was reviewed by Stuben [sic: Gen. Baron von Steuben] at Richmond

and he served in all between two and three years he is confident of more than two years he was born in Fauquer [sic: Fauquier] County Virginia and has lived in Virginia and Tennessee since the war

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 state or any agency in the same he served as orderly sergeant part of the time he was in service [sic]

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 19th 1833 he further states that there is not any clergyman that he knows of who can certify for him that he can obtain



[Certified by Elkana R. Dulaney and Jacob K. Snapp.]

State of Tennessee }

Sullivan County } On this 22nd day of May 1833 Personally Appeared before me [blank space] a Justice of peace for the County aforesaid Benjamin Dulanny a citizen of Sullivan County aforesaid an applicant for a pension under the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 and after being duly sworn made the following additional declaration towit

He states that he as born in Fauquer County Virginia and entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the County of Culpepper as discribed and stated in his original declaration

He has not any record of his age as the family record was destroyed when this applicant was four or five years old as he was in early life informed and which information he now believes to be true and according to that information he was born in November of the year of Braddocks defeat which he believes was 1755 And he was living the County of Culpper when he was called into service and continued to live in Culpepper County during the war of the revolution and after that period he lived in that County until the year 1803 when he came to Sullivan County Tennessee where he has resided ever since and now resides

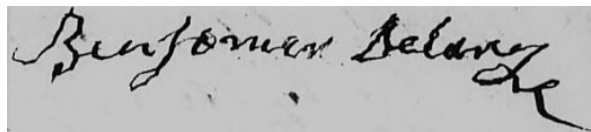
He was in all his service a volunteer and served as Orderly Sergeant in the company of one of the officers on one tour of duty but owing the age and infirmity and loss of memory he cannot now say which company

He states that he never served as a drafted man nor as a substitute, but always as a volunteer

He states that he was in the service under the command of General Lafeyette near Richmond Virginia and other places and the other regular officers named in his original declaration

He states that he never had a written discharge and he cannot state what was the number of any regiment to which he belonged if they were indeed numbered, owing to loss of memory

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above



NOTE: A letter in the file states that Delaney died on 18 Aug 1839 leaving no widow but the following four children: Thomasin E. Delaney; Lewis B. Delaney; Jurietta, wife of Elijah W. Headrick; Drusilla Edwards.