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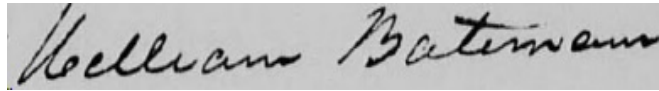
Pension Application of William Bateman S32099

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I William Bateman of the County of Floyd, in the state of Indiana, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the War, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain John Rudolph's company of light horse in [Henry] Lee's legion of cavalry. And I also declare, that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the 15th day of March 1828, on the pension list of the United States
[31 Aug 1829]



State of Indiana

Floyd County Ss. Charles Bails being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with William Bateman of Floyd County – that during the revolution war he this Deponent was a Soldier in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col [Charles] Harrison called the first Virginia Regiment of Artillery – that at the same time William Bateman was a Soldier in Col Lee's Legion of light horse according to the best of this Deponents recollection & belief Charles his Xmark Bails
[31 Aug 1829]

[John Storm, pension application W1953, certified Bateman's service. The above claim by Bateman was rejected because his name could not be found in the records of those entitled to bounty land for serving to the end of the war.]

State of Indiana } SS
Floyd County }

On this eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Floyd Probate Court holden at New Albany within Floyd county in said state of Indiana aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

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

"In June (I think but am not certain) 1776 I enlisted at Cecil County in the State of Maryland, were I then resided, into the corpse called the "Flying Camp" in the service of the United States. My enlistment was as a private for the term of six months & was made with Lieut. Stogden [possibly John Stockton] the recruiting officer. Said Stogden was my first Lieut. my Capt's name I do not recollect, [William] Richardson was Col. & [Charles] Lee Gen'l. during the term of this enlistment I was in the battle of white Plains [28 Oct 1776] & in some skirmishes at Hackensack & other places. I was in Fort Lee when the Brittish took Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776] nearly opposite on New York Island; also I was marched onto York Island [Manhattan] & through various parts of New Jersey, & finally discharged at Philadelphia, but received no written discharge. I served six months, the full term of my enlistment.

In the fall of the year 1777 at a general muster in Cecil county aforesaid I again enlisted as a private into "Lee's Legion of Horse" in the service of the Untied States for the term of five years or during the war. John Rudolph was my Capt Farthy O'Neal [Ferdinand Oneal (O'Neal) R16846] my

Lieut. Henry Lee my Major at first afterwards my Col. Capt Rudolph died [8 dec 1782] about a year before the war closed & after him O'Neal was my Capt. Under this enlistment I went into the state of New York was at the taking of Stoney Point in 1779 [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]; also went into the state of Connecticut; Our winter quarters for the first two or three winters were at Burlington in New Jersey. In the year 1780, after Gen'l Gates' defeat at Charlestown South Carolina [sic: defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was sent there; Lee also with his command consisting of three troops of horse & our company of infantry went there. I was with them, We afterwards retreated before Lord Cornwallis into North Carolina & finally into Virginia [14 Feb 1781], being afterwards reinforced by about a thousand Virginia militia, we [undeciphered word] the enemy battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781]. After Cornwallis was shut up at Yorktown, Gen'l. Green with his command was ordered back to South Carolina. [sic: see endnote] In our march back, we took seven forts guarded mostly by Tories. Near Charlestown, I was taken a prisoner during a skirmish; but was retaken again in about an hour. I was afterwards in the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]; was at Charlestown when the British troops left this place [14 Dec 1782] after the close of the war & our troops marched into the Town, relieving the British guard by our horse. A short time afterwards, I was dismissed, the war having closed; I received no written discharge. I served under this enlistment four years, & I believe a little upwards.

I was born, as near as I can ascertain, in the year 1757, in the state of Pennsylvania, not far from the state of Delaware, but do not know which county. When quite young, I removed to Cecil County in Maryland; there I resided, about five years after the close of the war; then I lived about nineteen years in Fayette county Ky. (in the part which is now Jessamine;) ever since I have resided in what is now Floyd county in Indiana.

I have no record of my age, nor have I any documentary evidence of my services aforesaid, nor do I know of any person by whose testimony I can prove the same except John Russell [pension application S36878] whose affidavit is hereunto subscribed. I also refer to the Rev. John Ferguson who is a clergyman & to Lathrop Eldeskin & Wm. M. Akin who are citizens, of said Floyd county to whom I am well known & who can testify as to my character for veracity & as to their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

William hisXmark Bateman

I John Russell a citizen of the county of Floyd do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Bateman whose name is subscribed above that said Bateman was a soldier in the corps called the "Flying Camp" & was with the said corps during the whole time the same was in the vicinity of New York: I do not recollect the length of time I was myself a soldier of the 3^d Virginia Regiment & on the same service with the "Flying Camp" in the neighborhood of New York. I also know that said Bateman afterwards enlisted into the horse under Col. Lee. This enlistment was "during the war" I believe; but I do not know how long he served under it. I also certify that from my age & ill health I am unable to attend the Floyd probate court at New Albany in this county

Nov 12th 1833

John his5mark Russell

NOTE: Gen. Nathanael Green informed Gen. Washington of his intention to enter South Carolina on 29 March 1781. Cornwallis was not besieged at Yorktown VA until 28 Sep 1781.