

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Mann S36067

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State of Kentucky } Sct June Term

Pendleton County }

On this 15th day of June 1818 before the County Court of the afs'd County personally appeared Benjamin Mann aged 68 years Resident in Campbell County and State afs'd who being by the Court first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an Act of Congress "entitled and Act to provide for certain Persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the united states in the revolutionary War – that he the said Benjamin Mann was drafted into the regular service of the United States for the term of Eighteen months about the 1st of May 1781 in Louisa County Va for the purpose of filling up Reg'ts. after the Battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] that at Powhatan Court house he was put as a private under the Command of Capt. Robert Woodson of a Regiment commanded by Col. Gaskin [sic: Thomas Gaskins] of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment in which Regm't. he did duty as a private Soldier untill after the Siege of York was over and was at the Capturing of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and some time afterward was obliged to be put on the sick report and obtained a furlough of Josiah Payne Lieut for thirty days which furlough directed in case his disabilley was not removed that on application to the Lieut. Col. of the County [County Lieutenant Benjamin Mann S36067] it would be renewed and as his illness did continue he repeatedly made the application to Lieut Col. William White who continued to renew it untill the end of the term for which he was drafted and in this way he served out the said term of 18 months and his being absent and continuing sick and in a low state of health for several years after the War he never applied for a discharge. And that from his reduced Circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

[signed] Benjamin Mann

Also at the same time & place appeared John Ducker [pension application S15409] aged 58 years who being first duly sworn states that he was well acquainted with the afs'd. Benjamin Mann and knows of his being in the regular Army and particularly Remembers when at Winter quarters at the horse pen Branch near Powhatan Court house in the month of February 1782 that the afs'd Benjamin Mann was continued to be reported sick absent

District of Kentucky Sct.

On this the [21st] day of October 1819 before me one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth afs'd. Personally appeared Benjamin Mann aged 69 years Resident in Campbell County and State afs'd. who being by me first duly swon according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Provisions made by an act of Congress entittled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the united States in the Revolutionary War

That he the said Benjamin Mann was drafted in to the service of the united States on the 17th day of Ap'1 1781 or thereabouts (to fill up the broken Regiments) in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia for the term of 18 months and was put in the Company Commanded by Capt. Robert Woodson of the third or Fourth Virginia Regiment (as well as he can now recollect) which was commanded by Col. Feberger of the Continental line for about 3 or four months and afterwards [sic] by Col. Gaskins under whom he served to the end of the time for which he was drafted but previous to the end of his service he obtained a furlough on account of indisposition which continued for five years Therefore was not at Camp to recive his discharge at the end of his Service. That he was in the Battle of york town at the taken of Cornwallis and that he is in reduced circumstances and in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that

he made his application as early as the 15th of June 1818 which he fears has not reached the Department of war —

State of Kentucky Sct.

Pendleton Circuit-Court October Term 1820

On this 16th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court, the same being a court of record by an act of the General assembly of the State aforesaid, Benjamin Mann, who is now on the Pension roll (agreeably to the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war;” passed on the 18th day of March 1818) aged seventy one years, resident in Campbell County, in the State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows Viz: In the month of April in the year 1781 he was drafted as a Soldier in the regular service for 18 months and attached to the company of Capt. Robt. Woodson of the 4th Regiment, virginia line, commanded at that time by Colo. Gaskins, & afterwards, commanded by Colo. Febecker [sic: Christian Febiger] – and served in said company & Regiment as a regular soldier for the term of 9 months when he was discharged at Richmond Virginia by Maj’r. Paulson [sic: John Poulson] of s’d Regiment by furlough (he being then sick) who signed said Furlough; and he further states that his original declaration (by virtue of which he was placed on the Pension list under the act of Congress aforesaid, was made in the month of October 1819 and that the number of his Pension certificate is 16.568. and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, he further states on oath, he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, which Schedule is in the words and figures following, towit::

150 acres of poor broken land, about 15 of which is fit for cultivation which would, perhaps, rent for about \$20 per annum. 2 Horses i.e. an old mare & colt of but little value, 20 head of hogs, including shoats & pigs; 7 head of cattle; 10 sheep; a few pieces of pot mettle; rough cupboard & cupboard ware with some few articles, such as old chairs & knives & forks of the value perhaps \$10 – necessary bedding and clothing not included in the above schedule.

Said Mann further declares on oath in open court that he is by occupation a Farmer; but owing to age and infirmity he is not able to labour so as to earn thereby even a scanty support; And that his family consists of himself and his aged wife now 68 years of age, who is likewise infirm and unable to labour but little.

Benjamin Mann

[Mann made a similar declaration on 23 Apr 1821. An amended schedule dated Jan 1822 listed the same property except there were 11 hogs and 8 sheep.]

I hereby certify that my estate real and personal is as follows towit

To 144 acres of Land on Cruises creek Campbell county Kentucky to the value of 15 cents per acre

amounting to the sum of	\$108
one horse worth	45
4 sheep	4
4 head of cattle valued to	10
14 head of hogs small & great	7
Household furniture etc	<u>10</u>
	\$184

This day [24 Oct 1825] Benjamine Mann came before a Justice of the peace for Campbell County Kentucky and made oath that the above account contains his whole estate both real and personal and that he has not reduced his estate in no respect to bring himself within the perview of the pension Law and that the above estate amounting to one hundred and eighty four dollars afords so scanty a support for himself his old wife and daughter that it is with great difficulty that he can obtain a very scanty support, that he is so afflicted with old age and disease that his services have become useless in the moderate support which is made on the estate above named. That he hereby apoints Col James Johnson as his attorney to draw his money or pension....

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: Benjamin Man/ age 31/ height 5' 6"/ fair hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born in King William County/ residing in Louisa County where he was drafted for 18 months on 17 Apr 1781. Sized on 25 May 1781.