Pension Application of George Berry S36411 VA
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State of Kentucky Sct

Be it remembered that this day George Berry a Citizen of Logan County & State afors'd. being being one of the United States of America, this day personally appeared before me Benjamin Shackelford one of the Circuit Judges, for the said State of Kentucky and made Oath agreeably to an act of Congress approved the 18th day of March 1818. To provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That on the 16th day of December 1776 he entered into the service of the United States of America in the Revolutionary War a Lieutenant in the first company of the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, then commanded by Coln William Russell, and Capt Robert Bell [sic: Robert Beall [BLWt431-300], company raised in Yohogania County] then commanded said Company, and on the 17th day of May 1779 was Transferd to the 9th Virginia Regiment, that he the said Berry served in said war against the common Enemy from the day of his entering the Service afors'd until some time in the Spring 1781 having the preceeding year been promoted to the Rank of Captain in said ninth Regiment [see endnote], that in the Spring 1781 the privates of said 9th Regiment were by death & Discharge reduced to about three Companies, when a proposition was made and agreed to by the officers, as their was not privates to fill the different companies, that the number of officers necessary to command said company should continued in the Service and the residue should retire until further orders, he the s'd. Berry states that himself and others with the approbation of Coln John Gibson then Commandant of said 9th Regiment, retired from the army, and was never thereafter called into service, said Berry further states that from the Declaration of American Independence in 1776 until this date he has been a Citizen of the said United States, And by reason of his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his Country for support. Given under my hand this 24 day of April 1818.

Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Henderson County & Circuit Sct. }

On this 26th day of September in the year 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record, Towit, a Circuit Court held for the County and Circuit of Henderson being a Court which proceeds according to the Course of the Common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount and which keeps a Record of its proceedings, George Berry aged Seventy one years, resident in said Circuit of Henderson in the district of Kentucky who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, He went into service on the 16th of December 1776 as a Lieutenant in Robert Bells Company in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. William Russell, and that he continued in service untill the year 1781. That he was in several different engagements with the Indians particularly in one under Colo. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead], and one under Colo. MacIntosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh]. That his original Declaration was made on the [blank] day of [blank] and that he is placed on the pension list roll of the Kentucky agency at the rate of $20 per months by Certificate No. 4556 and has received his pension under said Certificate up to the [blank] day of [blank] that is he swears he has only drawn of his pension in the whole either directly or indirectly the sum of $360. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That he has no estate or property either real or personal but a Horse Saddle and bridle worth $120 Kentucky paper a Bed and furniture and a

Bureau worth $20 and a few articles of household furniture. That he has no family but himself.

Geo Berry

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I do certify that Capt George Berry served Three years in the [undeciphered word] Continental Regt successively – Given under my hand at Richmond Oct'r 27th 1783

Jno Gibson [John Gibson] Colo

Del'd to J Gibson Virg Line

NOTE: The file contains Berry's faded commission as Lieutenant in the Ninth Virginia Regiment commencing 16 Dec 1776 and signed by John Jay, President of Congress. It appears that Berry was never commissioned a captain but commanded the company of Lt. Col. Richard Campbell in the Ninth Regiment.