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Pension Application of Henry Beningfield S36413

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
Montgomery County, Sct.

On this seventh day of July 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared Henry Benningfield aged seventy four years;– who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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;” that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Montgomery; and that he was enlisted for three years at Williamsburg in the state of Virginia on or about the [blank] day of January 1777 by one Christopher Roane [X635] and served in the company commanded by captain House [Lawrence House VAS1619] of the 2^d Regiment of Artillery Virginia Line on Continental Service – that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the 12th day of December 1780 when he was honorably discharged from service at Richmond in the state of Virginia; that he was in service for the whole Period afs’d and was in no battles of any sort and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Montgomery County }
State of Kentucky }
& SS Circuit of Montgomery

On this 11th day of June 1822 personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said circuit, Henry Beningfield aged seventy eight years, resident in said County & in said circuit, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That to the best of his recollection he enlisted in the year 1777 as an artificer in the 2^d Regiment of Artillery State of Virginia Commanded by Col Thos Mashall [sic: Thomas Marshall VAS494], afterward commanded by Cols Muter [George Muter VAS803] & Col Mathews [Thomas Mathews W17076 and R16019], & Col Edmonds [Elias Edmonds VAS2004], who discharged him on the 12th Dec 1780 at Richmond Virginia – That his Enlistment was for three years and that he served out this time in full.

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.

He has no property of any kind except his clothes and no wife, nor any home. He lives among the neighbours as he can, and has no mode of living, being unable to work. His trade is that of a Black Smith, & he has worked at it thirty six years but has been unable to work for many years.

Henry hisXmark Beningfield

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Binningfield, Henry. Another document signed by Beningfield with his X is illegible.]

I do certify that Henry Benningfield was enlisted by me the Tenth day of Decm'r 1777 as an artificer in Colo Thos Marshalls Reg't of Artillery and served as such Three years

Christopher Roan Capt
Art'y

A Copy J. Pendleton jr.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled as pp 84-87 of Blackwell, Joseph.]

State of Kentucky
Fayette County Sct

Henry Benningfield Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he Enlisted in the year 1777 (in the Spring) for Three years in Captain House's company of the Second Virginia Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall and that he served in said corps of Artilery until the 12th of December 1780 At which time he was honorably discharged by Col. Edmonds after performing a Service of nearly four years in the Virginia Continental line and that he has lost his discharge and has never rec'd his Land bounty.

And that he dow appoint Mr John Wilkins in Richmond Virginia to receive his warrant when issued and receipt for the same in his name. given under my hand this 23 day of March 1820

Matt Elder JP

A mil'y War't iss'd to Thos. Assetin ass[ign]ee of Henry Binnigfield for 100 ac's as an Artificer State line Mar 5 1784. Cert'e of Council same date.

No. 2712.

John Davenport Clk

Land Off./ Ap'l 18 1820

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State of Kentucky Franklin County

Thomas Metcalf appeared be me a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County and made Oath that he is personally acquainted with the within named Henry Benningfield and knows that said Benningfield did serve in Col. Marshalls Rejiment of Artillery in the Revolutionary war for upwards of Three years – given under my hand this 26th of March 1820

Jno Hand J.P.F.C.

In Council, April 20th 1820.

It is advised that Henry Benningfield be allowed land bounty for three years service as a private in the Continental line.

Attest/ [undeciphered signature]

Th M Randolph