

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Pannell S3650

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State of Kentucky County of Todd: SS

On this 10th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Todd County now sitting Benjamin Pannell aged seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered into the militia in the year 1777 as a private & cannot state positively the day of the month but believes it was the last & states it was the month of September, he volunteered and entered the service under Captain Joseph Cabell of the militia Lieutenant Nicholas Cabell Ensign Abram Lee. He volunteered for the term of two months, and served out the term of two months under the above named officers, and had no field officers. I served the whole term at Williamsburg to which I was marched directly from Wormster [?]¹ where we met, at the end of our two months tour I was sent home from Williamsburg, and did not receive any written discharge, I was in no battle during this term, I resided at the time I entered the service in Amherst County Virginia, there was no regulars that served with us during this tour, we marched directly from Wormster in my own County to Williamsburg where we staid until my time expired the last of November = 2nd In the year 1778 in the month of July and as near as I can recollect the 15th of the month I was drafted into the militia and entered the service as a drafted militiaman & private for the term of 3 months under Captain James Pamplin, the name of the Lieutenant forgot and, field officers Colonel Reuben Lindsay Lieutenant Colonel Holt Richison [Holt Richardson or Holt Richeson] and was bound to military duty & served under them the full time of three months. I resided at the above place, I was in no battle during this tour, and did not serve with any regulars during this tour & was acquainted with none, and had no higher field officer than Colonel we rendezvoused at Sorels Gap [?]² in Amherst County Virginia marched from thence to Richmond Virginia from thence to York Virginia from York to Hampton Virginia there we stayed a while, then marched back to York, and were there discharged, but did not receive any written discharge, the 15th of October 1778 = 3rd ^{residing in the same place} In the year 1779 in the month of July (& I cannot state the day of the month), I was drafted for three months into the militia as a private under Captain William Tucker & field officers Colonel Lindsay & Lieutenant Colonel Richison, I with a part of

¹ *Wormster*

² *Sorels gap*

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our company marched to Richmond where we met our Captain, and joined him, we marched from Richmond to Mobbins hills [Malvern Hills] on James River, Richmond had been attempted to be burnt by the British before we got there, they burnt a rope walk, which was burning when we arrived we served out our three months & were discharged at Pigeon Hill York County but did not receive any written discharge. I served out the full term of three months during this tour, during this tour, and during the two previous ones which had been mentioned, I was constantly either in the field or in the garrison & during the terms of duty before set forth I was not engaged in any civil pursuit whatever, I do not remember to have served with any regulars during the above tour. I was discharged in October =: 4th In the year 1781 the 1st day of June I was drafted into and entered the militia service for the term of three months as a private under Captain Loving who marched our company to Richmond and there took sick and Captain James Barnet who had been in the regular service as Captain took command at York of our company under whom I served with Major Overstreet, adjutant Campbell, Colonel Lindsay & Lieutenant Colonel Richison four months & 17 days, notwithstanding we were only drafted for three months, when that time expired we were still kept in the service until a day or two before Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken at York [October 19, 1781] when I was discharged but did not receive any written discharge. I resided at the same place as above to wit Amherst County Virginia where I resided during all the time of my service, we marched from Richmond to Williamsburg from there to your from there to Hampton and back to York where we spent most of the time of this tour, I was at the battle of Hot Water [June 26, 1781], fought principally by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. I was with his Army the whole of this tour, but was but little acquainted with the regulars. I was never in any other battle during all my service, I was constantly on military service during this whole tour of four months & 17 days & during the same time was not engaged in any civil pursuit during each term of service as above set out I was a private in the militia service, to the above services I can't swear positively; but there are other services which I rendered the precise length of which, by reason of my old age and the consequent loss of memory I cannot positively swear, nor cannot swear positively to the names of the company officers under whom I rendered them, but according to the best of my recollection in addition to the twelve months & 17 days before set out, I served for the terms of three months in the year 1780 for which I claim a pension as a private in the militia making in all 15 months & 17 days rendered as a private in the militia of the state of Virginia for which I claim a pension. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State –

1st = I was born in Amherst County Virginia the 1st of March 1755. 2nd. I have no record of my age, but received from my father who informed me I was born the year of Braddock's defeat. 3rd. I was living when called into the service in Amherst County Virginia where I have continued 31 years ago when I left it & came to where I now live in this Todd County.

4th. I volunteered into the service the first tour I performed and was drafted the other tours & was never a substitute

5th. I was acquainted with & served with General Wayne and I saw Lafayette, and owing to my age & loss of memory I can't remember any others.

6. I never did receive any discharge

7th. I am acquainted in my present neighborhood with the following individuals with whom I am acquainted who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my being a soldier of the revolution, Squire John S Anderson, T. M. Ewing, Joseph Clark, William Daniel [?], John North, William Tandy & many others, and it is the fact that I have no documentary evidence of

my service & know of no person whose evidence I can procure who can testify to that same.
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Bei Pannell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bei Pannell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B". There is a dark, rectangular stamp or smudge over the right portion of the signature.

[William Brizendine, a clergyman, and Richard B. New gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 17 days in the Virginia service.]