

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bernard Houching S38048

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At a Court of quarterly session held for King William County at the Courthouse on Monday the 24th of May 1819 –

Bernard Houching a resident of this County aged sixty-four years this day came into Court who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" – That he the said Bernard Houching enlisted for the term of two years on the __ day of January 1776 in the Company commanded by Captain Holt Richeson of the Regiment commanded by Colonel McClanahan [Alexander McClanahan] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the __ day of __ 1778 when he was discharged from service, at Valley Forge, State of Pennsylvania; that he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] and German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – And thereupon the Court doth order that the said Declaration be certified to the Secretary of the Department of war pursuant to the Act of Congress – And the Court doth certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said Bernard Houching did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy, for the term of nine months at one time, on the Continental establishment, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support –

Virginia King William County to wit

I Robert Pollard Clerk of the Court of the said County do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true copy from the records of the court of said County. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County, this 29th day of May 1819, in the 43rd year of the Commonwealth

S/ R Pollard, CCo.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 24, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby Certify that Bernard Houchings a Soldier served in the Continental Army under Captain Holt Richeson in the Seventh Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Alexander McClanahan the full term of three years. Given under my hand this 26th day of March 1810.

King William County to wit

S/ Thos. Lipscomb, Ensign

I Thomas Lipscomb in some in the said Regiment do swear that the above certificate contains a true statement of facts. Given under my hand this the 26 day of March 1810

I do hereby Certify that Bernard Houchings a Soldier served in the Continental Army under Capt. Holt Richeson in the Seventh Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Alexander Mc Clanahan the full term of three years Given under my hand this 26 day March 1810.
King William County to wit
Thos. Lipscomb Ensign
I Thomas Lipscomb Ensign in the said Regiment do swear that the above Certificate contains a true statement of facts. Given under my hand this 26 day of March 1810