

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Palmer S38289

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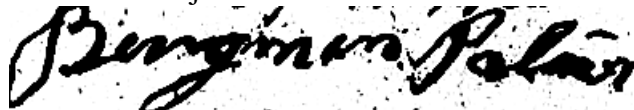
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State of Virginia, County of Lancaster SS

On the 15th of June 1818 before the County Court of Lancaster, being a court of record, personally appeared in open Court Benjamin Palmer aged 6? [last digit unclear]<sup>1</sup> years, resident in the said County of Lancaster, who being first 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that he the said Benjamin Palmer enlisted in Lancaster in the state of Virginia under Captain Thomas Pollard in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall on the 12th day of February 1778 & served three years in that Regiment after which Service of three years he was regularly discharged in the city of Richmond & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Benjamin Palmer



Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Lancaster at the Courthouse thereof on the 15th day of June 1818

Ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of the War Department that Benjamin Palmer this day major his declaration before the Court upon oath as will appear by his said Declaration filed in Court and that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that he served as he has set forth in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy –

[Attested by J. Towles Clerk of the Lancaster County Virginia court.]

William Warwick<sup>2</sup> appeared in open Court and made oath to the truth of the above declaration, he having enlisted and served in the said Company during the time above specified with the said Benjamin Palmer.

S/ J. Towles, Cl [James Towles, Clerk]

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<sup>1</sup> 

<sup>2</sup> I did not find any public record indicating that a veteran by this name filed for his own pension for service during the revolutionary war. Consequently, this statement may be the only record of his service in the federal pension records. I also searched the variant of the name Warrick.

Schedule

District of Virginia SS Lancaster County Court on this 22nd day of November 1820 Personally appeared in Open Court (as being a Court of record) for the said district Benjamin Palmer aged 65 Years resident in Lancaster County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (e)[?] He enlisted under Captain Thomas Pollard and served in Colonel Marshall's Regiment the original declaration bears date the 15th of June 1818 the pension Certificate is numbered 7070.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Your petitioner is 65 years of age his health is generally in firm his family consist of the following persons Mary Palmer his wife and 45 & upwards very infirm William Palmer his son aged 12 years, Dolly Palmer aged ten, Polly Palmer aged five years. Schedule of the property of Benjamin Palmer 22nd of November 1820 to wit Forty acres of poor forest Land in the County of Lancaster at \$2 per acre – \$80, one mare & colt \$60, 6 head of cattle \$40, 2 sows and 5 pigs \$10, 1 pine table 25 Cents, 6 old flagged Chairs 50 Cents, 2 old pine chests 50 Cts, 6 Cups & Saucers, 5 old knives & forks, 2 pewter basons & plates 1.25 Cts.

S/ Benjamin Palmer

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

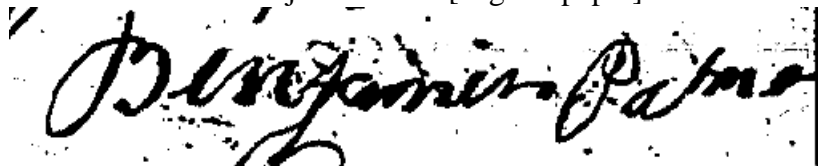
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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that [illegible] under Captain Thomas Pollard of Lancaster County in Colonel Edmonds' Regiment of artillery in the year 1777 and that I received and Honorable discharge in the year 1780 from Captain Christopher Roan of the said Regiment.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of January 1820 –  
Virginia

S/ Benjamin Palme[edge of paper]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin Palmer", written in black ink on a white background. The signature is positioned below the typed name and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.