

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Walter Bernard S6634

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State of Virginia Franklin County Towit

On this 3^d day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the County Court of Franklin now sitting Walter Bernard a resident of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia aged seventy four years who being first 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 the 7th 1832. that he was born in the State of Maryland in the county as well as he recollects called Frederick, that he was Christened at Rock Creek Church in the said county where a record of his age he supposes still remains; that he lived in the County of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] in the State of Virginia when he first entered the service, that afterwards in 1778 he removed to the County of Henry in the State of Virginia out of which [part of] the County of Franklin aforesaid was formed [in 1786] & that he has continued to reside in the said County of Franklin ever since – that he is known to the Honbl N H Claiborne to Caleb Tate Esq the Clerk of this Court to Colo. Wm B. Williams, to Colo Robt T Woods. to Capt Josiah Woods to the Rev'd Moses Greer and many others. that he enlisted under one Capt Radikin in 1776 or 1777 he does not now recollect for the term of twelve months and was engaged part of the time in guarding prisoners called the Jersey Blues & the High Landers at Leesburg in the said County of Loudon & after wards was marched on the frontiers to Red Stone [Redstone Fort at present Brownsville PA] and served during the term aforesaid – after his discharge he removed to the County of Henry aforesaid in the State of Virginia, joined a company of Cavalry commanded by Capt Jesse Heard in the County of Henry aforesaid. that he cannot now say whether he volunteered or enlisted, but states that he signed his name to a paper containing a list of said company by which he bound him self to serve in it during the war. that this was in the summer of 1778. That he was engaged from that time until the fall of 1780 in suppressing tories, that in 1780 he marched in the said company through North Carolina into South Carolina attached to the Regiment under the command of Colo Davis or David [probably William Richardson Davie], in General [William Lee] Davidson's Brigade. that on his return to Virginia he continued in the service in the said company engaged in suppressing tories until the Spring of 1781– After this troops being wanted he volunteered to march against Cornwallis, and was attached to Colo [James] Lyon's Regiment which marched to Sandy River [in Pittsylvania County VA], where the said Colo Lyon abandoned the Regiment & the same being composed of volunteers, all with the exception of this affiant & eight others returned to their homes this affiant with the eight others marched into North Carolina to within nine miles of Guilford Court House, but were never attached to the line [during the battle there on 15 Mar 1781]. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever or if any only on the agency of that of the State of Virginia. he further states that his discharges have been lost and refers for further evidence to the annexed affidavit of John Law Sr who is too infirm to come to Court.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

Walter hisXmark Bernard

Franklin County to wit

This day [18 July 1832] came before me, John M Holland a Justice of the peace for the said County of Franklin, John Law Sr [pension application S8809] of lawful age, and after being first sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, sayeth, that in the year 1778 as well as he recollects that Walter Barnet of the said county, at that the County of Henry, enlisted under Captain Jesse Herd as a volunter in a company of cavalry in the County of Henry, state of Virginia, for the purpose of guarding against, and quelling the tories, and to be held in readiness to march to any other place, or [illegible word] other service when cal'd on; that they marched through the Counties of Henry and Bedford, different time dispersing the tories, and disaffected. that they march'd into the state of North Carolina, at the call of

Colonel [Martin] Armstrong he thinks in the County of Surry, for the purpose of surprising the tories. that they join'd general Davidson of that state, and was commonly sent out on reconnitering parties, and marched into South Carolina. [several illegible words] they returned to North Carolina, where the Captain and Lieutenant of our company was discharged from the service in the quarter, and we marched home, and continued to be held in readiness for further service. that he the said John Law Sr served in the same company at the same time, and that they were in actual service twelve months perhaps more – and further the affiant sayeth not.

John Law Sr

NOTE: On the pension certificate is written, "Died Feb 5, 1841."