

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Bedinger<sup>1</sup> S8059

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[State of Virginia, Jefferson County]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828 – I, Henry Bedinger of the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare, that I was an Officer of the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such in the end of the war, at which period I was a Captain in the fifth Regiment of the Virginia line – And I do also declare that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation [commutation] Certificates) for a sum equal to the Amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1780 – Witness my hand this 3rd day of June 1828.

S/ Henry Bedinger



[William Long and Robert Byerly gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the applicant as an officer in the revolution.]

State of Virginia Jefferson County: SS

Be it known before me James Grantham a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Brayton Davenport of said County and made oath in due form of law that he is the Executor of Henry Bedinger, the identical person who was a pensioner, and who is now dead, and to whom a certificate of pension was issued under the act of Congress of the 15th May 1828 for a pension of \$480 per annum as a Captain in the 5th Regiment, Virginia line of the revolution. That the deceased pensioner resided in the County of Jefferson in the State of Virginia for the space of about two years and two months before his death and that previous thereto he resided in the County of Berkeley and the State of Virginia. That the said Henry Bedinger died in the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid on the 14th day of May 1843 having first duly made and published his last will and testament. The said Henry Bedinger left no widow, but the following children, Mrs. Nancy Swearingen, who was Nancy Bedinger and Mrs. Elizabeth Davenport wife of the affiant. The said Brayton Davenport states that he has been informed the said Henry Bedinger was a quartermaster as well as a Captain, holding both offices at the same time, as the affiant has been informed and in the allowance of pension of \$480 under the Act of Congress of 15th May 1828 no estimate was made of the services of said Henry Bedinger as quartermaster which the Affiant is informed should have been

<sup>1</sup> BLWt267-300 Capt. Issued Aug. 25, 1789 No papers carded

taken into consideration if the fact had been known to the Department he refers to the public records and materially to the extracts from those of the State of Virginia which will accompany this application now made for the balance of pension so do you and unpaid to the said Henry Bedinger from the 4th of March 1826 to the day of his death that is to the 14th day of May 1843

S/ Brayton Davenport

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No.22

To pay as Lieutenant from 1st January 1777 to 26 May 1781 422.13.4

To 1 Retained ration from 1st June '78 to 1st August 1780 26

To pay as Captain from 26 May 81 to last of December 86.8

To 1 Retained Ration from 1st August 8226 May 1781 14.18

To 2 retained Rations from 26 May to the last of December 1781 22

To Additional pay as Q M to General Rendezvous from 1st June 1781 to 1st November 19.10

The above is truly copied from a Book of settlements with the Officers of the Revolutionary Army

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 25 day of November 1843

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

[Veteran was 1st pensioned at the rate of \$840 per annum under the act of May 15, 1828 . Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$512.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 19 months service as a Captain and 5 months service as quartermaster in the Virginia Continental line.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) has the following documents posted in its online collection

I do hereby Certify that Henry Bedinger esquire entered into the Service of the United States, in the Continental line of the Army, in the Spring or summer of the year 1775, and continued to serve in different Grades, until the final Discharge of the Army in November 1783 when he enjoyed the Rank of Captain of Infantry.

Given under my hand this 28th day of October 1793

S/ James Wood, B. G.

*I do hereby certify that Henry Bedinger esq<sup>r</sup> entered into the Service of the United States, in the Continental line of the Army, in the Spring or Summer of the year 1775, and continued to serve in different Grades, until the final Discharge of the Army in November 1783, when he enjoyed the Rank of a Captain of Infantry.*

*Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1793.*

*James Wood Secy*

I do Certify that Captain Henry Bedinger Entered in Captain Hugh Stephenson's Company of Riflemen on the 16th day of July 1775 & remained in Actual Service from that Day until the 1st of January 1783 when he retired as a Supernumerary Captain from [indecipherable word] – Given under

my hand this 24th day of 1784

S/ Daniel Morgan, Brigadier General

Do Certify that Captain <sup>64</sup>Henry <sup>87</sup>Bedinger, Entered in  
 Captain Hugh Hephersson's Company of Riflemen on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 July 1775. & Remained in Actual Service from that Day until the  
 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan. 1783 when he Retired as a Supernumerary Captain from  
 Service - Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1784

Dan Morgan Brig Gen

[Peter Muhlenberg, B. G., also gave a certificate saying Bedinger served from July 1776 and is still in service - certificate is dated sometime in 1783, but the month and day is not legible.



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NOTE: The transcript of Thomas H. Lockett VAS996 contains two affidavits in which Bedinger elaborates on his, Bedinger's, service.