

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Worthington W1346  
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Anne Worthington PA

In pursuance of "an act of Congress 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 A.D. 1828, I William Worthington of Green Township in the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain Irwins Company in the eighth Regiment of the Pennsylvania line, and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15 May A.D. 1778 And I further declare I was not on the pention list on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of may 1828, of the United States.

William Worthington

The State of Ohio Butler County Ss

Before me John Knox one of the associate Judges of said County Personally Came Joseph Randal [Joseph Randall, pension application S16234] of Ross Township and County aforesaid, and being duly sworn deposeth and saith he was acquainted with William Worthington in the revolutionary war, and was with him in the Battle of long Island [26-27 Aug 1776] under Gen'l Starling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Sterling]; and this deonant further states that he thinks s'd Worthington belonged to Captain Irwins Company, and that he knew s'd Worthington at Vally Forge [sic: Valley Forge, winter 1777-78]. Some time afterwards, but he does not recollect, thinks probably two years, and farther deonant believes sd Worthington was a regular soldier from seeing him so frequently in the regular army and further saith not. Sworn and subscribed to before me the seventeenth day of June AD 1828

Joseph hisRmark Randal

The State of Ohio Hamilton County SS

Before me Henry Wile, one of the justices of the peace of said County Personally Came Eli Davis [R20356] of Whitewater Township, and County aforesaid, and being duly sworn deposeth and saith he was acquainted With William Worthington in the Revolutionary War Was with him in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781; see endnote] under the Command of Gen'l Morgin [sic: Daniel Morgan], and the deonant further States that he thinks said Worthington belonged to Captain Irwin's Company, and that he was a regular inlisted soldier, for three years or during the war and further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1828

Eli hisXmark Davis

State of Ohio } Court of Common Pleas  
Hamilton County }

On this Thirtieth day of May 1832 personally appeared William Worthington in open Court it being a Court of Record for the Said County who being a resident of Said County aged Eighty Two Years, who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the Eighteenth of March 1818 & the First of May 1820 that he the Said Worthington Enlisted for the term of Five Years or during the War on what particular day or month he does not recollect and believes it was some time in the year 1776 in the Company commanded by Capt. Johnson in the Eighth Regiment commanded as he believes at that time by Col. [Richard] Butler in the line of the State of Pensylvania on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve untill the Year 1782 or for the space of Six Years and as he believes during all the time in the said Eighth Regiment when he was discharged from the Service in the State of Pensylvania. That he hereby relinquished every claim to a Pension except the present that he believes his name is not on the

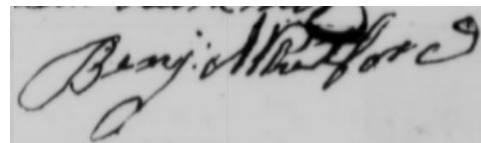
Roll of any State except Pennsylvania That the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for this Pension. About Twelve or Fourteen Years ago as soon as he knew his Claims, he made application to Mr [William] Hendricks of Indiana now a Senator in Congress to prepare his papers & make application for his Pension. That as he understood they were prepared & forwarded to the proper Department. Before any thing farther had been done he removed from Indiana to this County. It being inconvenient to see Govenor[?] Hendricks some 8 or 10 years since he applied to Mr Sam'l F Hunt of this County to see into this Business for him. That Mr Hunt as he is informed opened a correspondence with the proper department relative to the subject & from time to time he was flattered that his papers were all on file & that something would soon be done & thus he has been delayed by vain hopes. And expectations till this application is made

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 whatsoever excepting what I derive from my daily Labor. The only Propety I have is my own & my wife's wearing Apparell

William Worthington

State of Ohio Hamilton County Ss.

Before me Isaiah Wing a Justice of the Peace within and for sd County Personally came Benjamin Whitford now resident in the City of Cincinnati and County aforesaid and being duly sworn says that has been acquainted with William Worthington for a long time he first became acquainted with him in the year 1780 in Carlile [sic: Carlisle] in the State of Pennsylvania. he then belonged to the Continental army and was attache to Col. Johnsons Regiment of the Pennsylvania line this deponant also belonged at that time to the same Regiment and that he and the s'd Worthington served together in s'd Regiment about 18 months untill they were discharged at Yorktown after the surrender Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] Deponant is not certain at this time whether s'd Worthington was discharged the day before or after he was discharged but it was either one or the other and further deponant saith not Sworn and subscribed this 29 day of May 1832 before me



NOTES:

Pennsylvania troops were not at the Battle of Cowpens SC.

A letter dated 18 Oct 1855 reads in part as follows: "The name on the records at Harrisburgh [Harrisburg PA] is spelled Weathnington the Widow Informs me that he often told her that was the proper family name. But that the people in Westmoreland County pronounced it Worthington which became in time so universal that he styled himself so."

On 28 May 1832 William Worthington signed a statement that his father, William Worthington Senior, had never owned any real estate and had lived on his property for some years, and that he "never has given to any of his children to the amount of five dollars since 1812."

A letter dated 6 May 1846 inquires on behalf of William Worthington, Sr. about bounty land for his services.

On 9 April 1853 Anne Worthington, about 73, of Cincinnati OH, applied for a pension stating that she married William Worthington in Cincinnati on 1 Dec 1833, and he died on 6 June 1846. Mrs. Mary Jane Rust stated that she was present at the marriage of William Worthington and Ann Brown. J. Richardson Williamson stated that he had been with William Worthington as a "watcher and attendee" for

some days before his death at the age of about 98. Anne Worthington signed a statement that the family record from her Bible contained the following entries:

William Worthington and Ann Brown were married by Isaiah Wing, a Justice of the Peace on the first day of December 1833.

William Worthington departed this life the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1846 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The file contains a brief newspaper obituary notice stating that William Worthington died on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock.

On an application for bounty land dated 27 March 1855, Anne Worthington was said to be 77. On 26 Feb 1856 she was said to be 66.

On 8 Dec 1860 Anne Worthington applied to have her pension transferred to Kentucky, having moved to Jefferson County. On 1 July 1861 she requested that her pension be transferred from Kentucky back to Ohio, since she had recently moved back to Cincinnati.