

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Berry W5219

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Harrison County }

On this 10th day of Dec'r. 1832 before William Furnish – Larkin Garnett & Lewis Day constituting the County Court of Harrison county which is a Court of record now seting, appeared John Berry a resident of Harrison County in the State of Kentucky aged nearly seventy two years, having been born on the 27th day of December 1760, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the law of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. he states he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and he seved as herein stated. that some time about the first of August 1778 or 1779 he was drafted for four months and entered the Virginia service for the United States under Capt. Wm Henderson [William Henderson], under the command of Colo. Wm Bayor [sic: William Bowyer] who was under the command Gen. [Lachlan] McIntosh a regular officer that he marched from Augusta County Va. and crossed the Ohio below for Pitt [sic: Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh] meeting the army at fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA] thence to the point where the forces built a fort called called Tuscarora or Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River OH, completed Jan 1779], which he is not certain & thinks it was on Tuscaroras creek on the Muskingum river he thinks at which latter fort he remained during the remainder of his s'd tour which ended in the latter end of Dec. 1778-79 the duties performed during this tour were marching from home &c as above set forth & building the s'd fort & remaining there guarding the country according to orders. That he never rec'd. any discharge – being dismissed without form. That also he volunteered for two months which tour he served out under Capt Thos Smith [Thomas Smith] in the fall of the year seventeen hundred and eighty who went from Staunton Virginia. The other officers not recollected. that also, he went as a substitute for his brother in law John Tate and served one month. This tour was seved in the fall about Sept. shortly previous to Cornwallises capture in Oct'r. 1781 [Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] under Capt. William Tate in Colo Boyers regiment again with Major Long – Gen'l Lafayette Gen'l Wayne – Gen'l Mulenburgh [sic: Lafayette, Anthony Wayne, Peter Muhlenberg] regular officers were along and commanded but this declarant was more under the immediate command of Gen'l [William] Campbell who was a militia officer & died on this Expedition Major [Thomas] Armisted is also recollected as a regular officer. that he served several minor tours as a volunteer besides the foregoing – particulars of which are not sufficiently recollected to set them forth that on the second Expedition above named he marched from Augusta County Va. to Richmond where he staid in service the ballance of s'd tour. That the third tour he marched from same county Augusta Va. through Richmond where he followed the British under Cornwallis to Williamsburg, thence the forces to which this declarant was attached, went down to the crossing of James River at Old James Town where they had a severe skirmish under Gen'l Wayne against the British, at the green spring [6 Jul 1781] & shortly afterwards his time was out, and he returned home. He states that he never re'd. a discharge – having always been dismissed verbally & without form; That he verily believes that he seved upwards of seven months in the service of the united States, including the s'd three tours above set forth – that he was residing in Augusta County Virginia at each period when he entered the sevice of his country in which county he was born on the 27th day of Dec'r. 1760 that he has no record of his age only on his own Bible. It was on his fathers bible but he knows not what has become of that. That he resided in Augusta County va after the revolution until the fall of 1791 when he removed to fayette county thence to Harrison County Ky in the fall of the year 1799 where he has resided ever since & now resides. He states that he knows of no individual by whom he can prove his sevices who is living in this State or elsewhere except his Bro. William Berry [pension

application S17266] of Missouri, whose certificate is herewith inclosed &c. He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory whatever [signed] John Berry

To all whom it may concern:

I do hereby certify that John Berry did perform the following services in the revolutionary war.
First tour

He was draughted from augusta County Va before or by the first of August 1778 or 79 went across the Ohio river 25 miles below fort Pitt, joined the main armee at fort Mcintosh from thence the armee went aucross the muskingum river, build a fort there which was called Tuscarrores or lawrens which I do not exactly at this time recolect. He the said John Berry from thence returned home 2 days before new year in the above campaign I was with him all the time. Mcintosh was Commander in Chief our Colonel was William Boyers of Staunton Virginia. Wm Henderson was our Captain who was afterwards appointed Major.

Second tour. He served under Captain Smith of Staunton Va as volunteer, went to Portsmouth by Richmond, lenght of service about 3 months

Third tour

He served under Captain William Tate went to Richmond where Corwallis was went from thence to Williamsburg and had 2 little skirmishirs one at hot water [26 Jun 1781] the other at Jamestown, the lenght of this services I don't recolect so exactly but I think it was about two or 3 months.

September the 19, 1832

[signed] William Berry

["Bon Home Township," St. Louis County MO]

NOTE: On 16 Aug 1853 Elizabeth Berry, 71, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Claypole she married John Berry in Bourbon County KY on 4 June 1802, and he died 12 Aug 1838.