

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Berry W5794

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Hampshire County State of Virginia

On this seventh day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and thirtyfour personly appeared before Philip Foks Junior a Justice of of the peace for said County, Va. William Berry a resident in the County of Hampshire and state of virginia aged Ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he volunteered under Captain Francis Russel [sic: Francis Russell] as private soldier in the County of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] Va. and was taken to Mackyes Mills [Mackey's or Mackie's Mill south of Smithfield] thence to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] and there discharged serving three months

Some time after ariving home to Loudon Couty the place of his residence he substituted himself in the room of Dosuer Bennet comamed by Captain Cleavelen [sic: James Cleveland] and Colonol [John] Alexander Marched to Richmond Va it being head quarters thence to Slash Church thence to Louisa County Courthouse & Bazels onnary [sic: Ordinary] there discharged serving three months near the close of the Revolution he was drafted a private under the command of Captain Francis Russel Marched to Gloster [sic: Gloucester] near yorktown The capture of Cornwallas [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] thence to gard the brittish prisoners to leesburgh [sic: Leesburg] in loudon county virginia thence garding said prisoners to nolens ferry [sic: Nolands Ferry] on potomac river the prisoners then given up to the Mariland troops then discharged and went home to loudon County Va which was then the place of resident this tour lasted three months

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state

William hisXmark Berry

NOTE: On 26 April 1841 Elizabeth Berry, about 81, of Hampshire County, applied for a pension stating that she married William Berry about the last of May 1793, and he died 22 May 1836. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 22 May 1793 in Loudoun County by William Berry and Benjamin Cockerill for the marriage of Berry to "Elizabeth Watkins, spinster of Cameron Parish." On 1 Jan 1853 she applied to have her pension transferred to Ohio, having recently moved to Butler County to live with a son. On 26 Dec 1854 she swore that William Berry died on 21 May 1837. On an application for bounty land dated 30 March 1855 her age was said to be 97, the date of marriage was said to have been 1 May 1785, her name before marriage was said to have been Betsy Jenkins, and the date of William Berry's death was given as 20 May 1837. She signed with her mark, witnessed by Stephen Crane and George Berry.