

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Barnhard Bothman W5861
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The State of Ohio } Courts of Com'n Pleas
Columbiana County Ss } October Term 1832

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas now sitting Barnhart Boatman a resident of the township of Unity of said county aged seventy eight years next December, who being first duly 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 7th 1832

That in the fall of the year after the British had left Philadelphia [18 Jun 1778], having left the service of a French Gentleman in whose services he came to the country, he was taken by some American troops to the Camp of Gen'l Washington some where in the North or Hudson river below New Windsor with whom he remained in character of kitchen servant about a month; when Col [Richard] Parker in the first (he thinks) Brigade of the Virginia line commanded by Genl Muhlenberg came there and Applicant engaged with him as waiter and marched with him (he thinks) to Bonbrook (not sure as to spelling) [Bound Brook] in New Jersey, that he remained with Col Parker as waiter about 9 months or more till he left the service on account of sickness. When Col Parker left the service Applicant engaged with Thomas Armstrong Deputy Commissary (perhaps General) in character of waiter with whom he served about a year of more, during which time they marched to sundry places on the North or Hudson River, &c. he cannot recollect all the places through which he passed When he quit the service of Commissary Armstrong he entered the company of Capt Outwater (not sure as to spelling) of the New Jersey State troops, as a volunteer substitute for seargeant ___ McCoy. He remained in Capt Outwater's company about 2 years during which time he assisted in dislodging the British commanded by Col Emery from fort Lee. In this engagement the Americans were commanded by Col Day He was engaged in several skirmishes, one with a body of about 500 British at the Marsh below Hackensack. &c. &c. He also assisted in taking a boat from some British traders near the Refugee fort at Bergen point (he thinks). Capt Outwater was succeeded by Capt Peter Ward under whom Applicant served to the end of the war which he thinks was a year & a few months. Under Capt Ward he was in no engagement except several skirmishes of Scouting parties &c. &c.

He would here note that he was entered and called Ben or Benjamin in consequence of being unable at the time to give his name in English, being a German by birth

He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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 [signed] Barnhard Bothman

Questions &c by Court

- 1 Where and in what year were you born
 Ans I was born in the Bishoprick of Ments Germany in the year 1754
- 2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.
 Ans. I have none, it was lost during my services
- 3 Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?
 Ans As before stated I had just left the service of the French Gentleman with whom I had a bond a month before come to the country and had no settled location. Since the Revolution I lived about 19 years in Bucks County Pennsylvania from whence I moved to Unity township Columbiana County Ohio where I have since resided and still reside.

4 How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute?
And if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I was always a volunteer. I was a substitute as before stated 9 months for Sergeant ___ McCoy.
Under Capt Outwater and at the end of that time I entered the service on my own account as a nine
months man which was renewed to the end of the war.

5 State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops, where you served; such
Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your
service

Ans There were no Regular troops with us, and I can recollect no Militia Regiments except those to
which I was attached

6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given, & what has become
of it?

Ans I received a discharge from Capt Ward which has since been lost by carrying about me before I was
settled.

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can
testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the
Revolution.

Ans Saml Meeks Esqr, John Beeson, Robert Forbes, Esqr, Jesse Underwood Esqr, Boston Loror[?], James
McClerg, Saml Richardson, Baltser Young &c, &c, &c, &c, &c, [signed] Barnhard Bothman

NOTE: On 18 Jan 1845 Catherine Bothman, about 74, applied for a pension stating that she married
Bernhard Bothman on or about 16 Oct 1783, and he died on 12 Jan 1843. On 16 Feb 1847 Catherine
Bothman's age was said to be 77 years, seven months, and 11 days, and she was said to have been married
to Barnhard Bothman by Rev. Frederick Neymyer, a Lutheran preacher, on 2 Mar 1785 in Haycock
Township in Bucks County PA. On 1 June 1847 her age was given as 76 years and 10 months. On 31 May
1847 John Straughan, born 12 Dec 1776, stated that he had known Catherine and Barnhard Bothman since
his youth, that they were married before the yellow-fever epidemic of 1793, and that Bernhard Bothman
worked as a tailor with his father, Daniel Straughan..