

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Bumgarner W5968

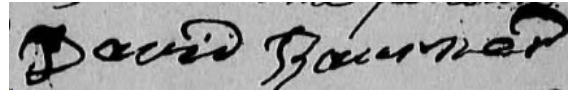
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State of Virginia }

County of Jackson }

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Jackson County now sitting David Bumgarner a resident of the County of Mason and State of Virginia aged 74 years three months and twenty days 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. General Han [sic: Edward Hand], Colo Steel, Colo gibson [sic: John Gibson]. these are the field officers as well as said applicant recollects the company officers ware Capt Michael Rader [Michal Radar, pension application S7349] , Leut. Enoch McCarty Ensign Townsed Fuget. the claimant believes he entered the service in Sept. in the year 1777 and left the service at the end of three months. and reentered the service some time in May in year 1778 and left the service at the end of three months making in all six months in the service that resided in the county Shenedoah [called Dunmore County until 1778] in the state of Virginia when he entered the service, that he volunteered in both cases, that he marched from winchester through the N. Western part of Virginia to Pittsburg, he does not know whether there was any Continental regiments or companies or not, that he has no dcumentory evidence and that he knows of but one 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.



[Michal Radar (pension application S7349) certified that David Bumgarner had served as stated.]

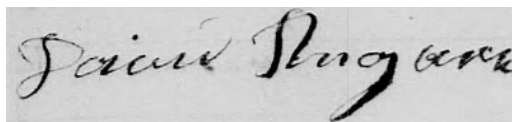
State of Virginia Mason County to wit

On this seventh day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Mason now sitting David Bumgarner a resident of the upper end of the County of Mason and Commonwealth of Virginia aged seventy five years and upwards 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. As well as declarent recollects Genl. Hand and Cols. Steel & Gibson were the field officers he saw and served under His company officers were Capt. Michael Rader Lieut Enoch McCarty Ensign Townsend Huget. The declarent believes that he entered the service in the month of September in the year 1777. That he volunteered in a Company commanded by Capt. Michael Rader that the Company to which he was attached marched from the County of Shenandoah through the north western part of Virginia to Fort Pitt that from Fort Pitt he went to wheeling fort virginia by water There he served out his Term of three months and was discharged and returned to the County of Shenandoah again. That in May in the year 1778 he again volunteered his services and marched under Abraham Byrd Capt. Major Rader commanded the men that left Shenandoah on the occasion declarent marched thro Northwestern Virginia again to fort Pitt and from Fort Pitt the marched to a place called Corners fort on a creek the name of which declarent doesnt recollect [probably Kern's Fort on Deckers Creek] but knows that it

was within a short distance of Morgantown Virginia at which fort viz Corners fort declarant served out his tour of Duty viz three months. At the latter place declarant thinks a Col. Evans commanded and he does not recollect of any other troops being there except those from Shenandoah but thinks at times the inhabitants who resided in the fort and its Vicinity did military duty. He has no documentary evidence whatever And he knows of only one person within his reach that he can prove his personal service by whose name is Michael Rader of the County of Jackson who gave his affidavit upon his former Application made in August 1832 in the County of Jackson Virginia – which he here again offers in Lieu of the personal attendance of the witness whose great age renders it almost impossible to procure his attendance at Mason County Court house – as well as the distance which he would have to travel over a very rough and hilly road

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 any agency of any state



And the Court pursuant to the directions of the secretary of War put the following questions to the applicant which – with the answers set down and sworn to are as follows

Question 1<sup>st</sup>. where and in what year were you Born. – Ans. I was born at Shenandoah Cty Va in the year 1758 in the month of May

“ 2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? – Ans. I have a record of my age. It is now in my possession at my residence

“ 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you Living when called into service – Where have you Live since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? – Ans. I was living in the County of Shenandoah Virginia when called into the service each time. Since the revolutionary war I have lived I lived a part of the time in Shenandoah County about three years in Greenbrier County and about thirty seven years in Mason

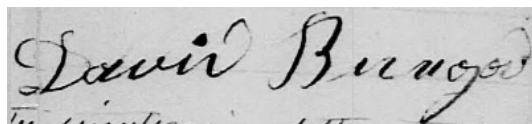
“ 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? – Ans. I was a volunteer on both occasions

“ 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia reigements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service? Ans. I remember the names of no other officers except what I have mentioned in my declaration the whole or some of whom (the field officers) it is believed were regular officers I remember no other continental or militia reigements or indeed any other troops being where I served other than as stated in my declaration

“ 6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? – Ans. I never did receive a discharge from the service

“ 7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? Ans. I am known to many persons in my neighborhood who it is believed can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution amongst the rest a few whose names it is that are known to the department are Major Andrew Waggener who [illegible word] at Craney island during the Late war Docter Jesse Bennut and others that I could name

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid



NOTE:

On 25 June 1851 Catharine Bumgarner applied for a pension stating that as Catharine Burner (or Barner) she married David Bumgarner in or about April 1787, that she was the mother of a large number of children, the oldest of whom was still living at about 64 years of age, and her husband died on or about 9 Oct 1835. The file contains the following marriage record from Shenandoah County by Rev. John Koonts: "David Bumgarner & Catharine Barner (or Burner) Ap'l 18 1786." James Waggener, 60, stated that he had lived within two miles of the Bumgarners in Waggener's Bottom, and that they had at least nine children, five of whom were then living in Mason County.