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Pension Application of George Berkley (Berkely) W8130

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County Towit:

On this 3^d day of July, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Berkley a resident of said County and State, aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows --"

That she is the widow of George Berkley, late of the said County and State, who was a private in the Militia service of the State of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution. She declares that she does not pretend to know any thing as coming within her personal knowledge, in regard to the services of her late husband in the War of the Revolution; excepting so far, what she has time after time heard from him in his life time, and from others who served with him at the period. She recollects very distinctly, hearing him repeat that he was a considerable length of time in actual service, was engaged in many battles, and suffered during the time severe hardships and privations. That from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection, the history of her husbands services as detailed by him; and therefore prefers, to depend on the statements of old soldiers who served with him, whose certificates accompany this declaration. That for the same reason she cannot state with any degree of certainty, the exact length of time he was in actual service altogether, but would presume, he must have been at the smallest calculation at least 9 months, for which length of time she claims a Pension. She further states, that her said husband departed this life before the passage of the Act of Congress of the 7th June, 1832, under which he would have been entitled, and has therefore never drawn a pension, or received any remuneration for his services. In support of her claim, she relies upon the Records of the Army, and the accompanying certificats of old and reputable soldiers. He was a private of Infantry.

She further declares, that she was married to the said George Berkley, on the 2^d day of Nov'r. 1784; that her husband, the aforesaid George Berkley, died on the [blank] day of [blank] 1819: that she was not married to him, prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, Seventeen hundred and ninty four: to wit, at the time above stated.

Sarah herXmark Berkly

Virginia: Prince Edward County to wit:

I William Scott [pension application S7461], do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with George Berkley late of Charlotte in the revolutionary war; and have a distinct recollection of his serving with me. I am not certain whether he served to the North or South with me; but am under the impression it was to the South under Capt William Morton, where he served six months in the militia. The company marched from Charlotte in January 1779 and at Salisbury in North Carolina Capt Morton returned back home, and the command of the company was transferred to 1st Lieutenant Bacon, and afterwards to Lieutenant Henry, untill 13th of July, 1779, when I was discharged. Major Wm. Hubbard [sic: William Hubbard] and Col. Burwell were commanding officers of the Regiment. Genl [Benjamin] Lincoln commanding Officer in Chief.

I feel no sort of hesitation in saying that said George Berkley served with me in the Militia six month's, and was a good soldier. I am in the 79th year of my age, was a soldier of the Revolution, and now a pensioner of the United States.

[signed] Wm. Scott

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [27 July 1839]

I George Jennings of Charlotte, do hereby certify, that my Father the late Dickerson Jennings, often told me in his life time that George Berkly of Charlotte, served as a substitute for him in the Militia of Virginia, two tours of duty, in the Revolutionary war. My father has been dead for many years.

[signed] George B. Jennings, Sr

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [27 July 1839]

I John Berkley of Charlotte do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with George Berkley late of Charlotte in the war of the Revolution: I know the fact that in the years 1779, and 1781, the said George Berkley served as a substitute for Wm. Brasiley [last name unclear, possibly William Berkley], Christopher Robertson and Dickerson Jennings in the States of North Carolina and Virginia, three tours of three months each. He was at the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and other battles that I do not now recollect. He was a good soldier and served his country faithfully. Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], General [Robert] Lawson, and others were commanding officers. I am 76 years of age, and was soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] John Berkley

NOTE: The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Charlotte County on 2 Nov 1784 by George Berkely and John Wheeler for the marriage of Berkely to Sally Wheeler. On 6 Mar 1845 Sarah Berkely was living in Campbell County. On 22 Sep 1846 Sarah Berkley stated that she had lived in Appomattox County for the previous 16 months.