

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Bedinger W8138 Sarah Bedinger VA
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State of Virginia
Jefferson County, sct:

On this 21st day of August 1838 personally appeared before the County Court for Jefferson County Virginia, Sarah Bedinger a resident of said County, aged sixty seven years who being 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 Daniel Bedinger who was a Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution, that he first entered the army as a volunteer and belonged to Captn. Shepherds [Abraham Shepherd's] company of riflemen in she thinks Colo. Stevensons Regiment [Col. Hugh Stephenson's Virginia and Maryland Rifle Battalion] was made a prisoner at Fort Washington [probably 16 Nov 1776], was afterward made an ensign and then a Lieutenant and in which latter capacity she believes he served to the close of the war of the Revolution.

She further declares that she was married to the said Daniel Bedinger in April 1791: her said husband died on the 17th day of March 1818; 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 1794, viz: at the time above mentioned.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 21st day of August 1838. [signed] Sarah Bedinger

[The following three transcripts are from certified copies.]

I do certify that Lieutenant Daniel Bedinger entered the Continental Service in the Line of this state in August 1776; and received a commission in said Line the fourteenth of February 1781, and was in actual service successively, from the time of his first entering, untill April 1783; without being broke, or receiving any official, or other information of being superceded in that time

Shepherdstown Berkely [sic: Berkeley] County State of Virginia
September 29th 1783 Sam. Finley [Samuel Finley] Major

It appears from the Vol of "Virginia Claims" in this office on the Rolls of the "Chesterfield Arangement" page 525 that "Daniel Bedinger" was a Lieutenant in the 4th Regt Virginia Line – Commission dated 7th May 1782 — J E Heath [Auditor]

Henry Bedinger [pension application S8059] of the County of Berkeley and State of of Virginia, being sworn in Open Court [on 13 Aug 1838] states that he was a Captain of the 5th Virginia Regiment of the Revolutionary Army and is now near 85 years of age. That Daniel Bedinger late of Jefferson County Virginia deceased, having previously served three years as a private and non Commissioned officers in Colonel Hugh Stevenson's Reg't. was appointed Ensign in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary Army, by the board of officers convened at Chesterfield Courthouse, in the month of February 1781 for the purpose of remodelling and arranging the Continental line of Virginia, that the said Daniel Bedinger immediately joined in the duties of that command served therein to the end of the War, that while in service he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, in which rank he stood at the dissolution of said line of the Army. Affiant further states that in the Spring of 1791 as well as he can recollect, certainly before the first of January 1794 the said Daniel Bedinger was married to Sarah Rutherford then of Berkeley now Jefferson County Virginia, that he died on the 17th march 1818 and that his Widow Sarah Bedinger is still living in Jefferson County Virginia, and has never married since said Daniel Bedinger death.

Henry Bedinger/ Capt'n 5th Virginia Reg't/ Revolutionary Army

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some of the online images are difficult to read.]


To His Excellency David Campbell Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. [14 Jan 1839]
Your Memorialists Henry Bedinger jr., Edw'd. J. Lee jr and Henrietta his wife, Nathaniel C. Cornwall and Susan P. his wife (the said Henry Bedinger jr, Henrietta Lee and Susan P. Cornwall being children & heirs of Daniel Bedinger dec'd.) respectfully represent, for themselves & the other heirs of Daniel Bedinger – That the said Daniel Bedinger late of Jefferson (formerly Berkley) County Virginia, was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution; They have been informed that he commenced service in July 1776 & served if not to the end, till very late in the war. They are advised that besides 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of Land Rec'd. from the Government of Virginia at an early period, additional Land bounty is due for his said services, the evidence of which is already among the archives of the state. They therefore pray that the Register may be authorized to issue warrants for said additional amount of Land as may now be due.
E. J. Lee jr for the Memorialists.

I certify that Daniel Bedinger served as a soldier in the Virginia Line the full term of three years. Given under my hand this 3^d Day of April 1783.
[Daniel Morgan] Brig'r. Gen'l.



I do certify that Lieutenant Daniel Bedinger entered the Continental service in the Line of this State in August 1776 and received a Commission in said Line the fourteenth of February 1781, and was in actual service successively, from the time of his first entering, until April 1783, without being broke, or receiving any official, or other, information of being superceded in that time.

Shepherdstown Berkely County State of Virginia
September 29th 1783
Samuel Finley Major



I do certify that Daniel Bedinger, a Lieutenant in the late Virginia Line of the Continental Army, entered the service of the United States either in July or August one thousand seven hundred & seventy six, and that he continued in actual service until the dismissal of the Army, in So. Carolina, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.
Chillicothe Nov'r. 8th 1809.

Sam Finley late a Major in the Va. Line and comm't. of the detachment in which Lieut. Bedinger served in So. Carolina.

I Henry Bedinger of the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia Aged Eighty five years do Certify and declare that Daniel Bedinger entered the Army of the Revolution in Captain Abraham Bedingers Company as a Volunteer, in the Month of July or August 1776 in Colonel Hugh Stepensons Reg't of Riflemen, to which Company I was then attached as a Lieutenant that we were both captured at the Battle [one or two illegible words] of Fort Washington that subsequently he Daniel Bedinger was appointed Ensign of Infantry at the arrangement of the Virginia Line at Chesterfield Courthouse That he served at the siege of Yorktown & subsequently was promoted to that of Lieutenant in the said Line [one or two illegible words] to the South with Lieut Colo Thomas Posey's detachment was with General [Anthony] Wayne when the Indians made the night attack on Waynes Army in the vicinity of Savannah in Georgia [at Widow Gibbons's Mills near Sharon, 24 May 1782], was in the Corps of Continental troops which [several illegible words] on Fort Johnson [on James Island near Charleston SC] that he remained in the service of the Revolutionary Army in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment untill that Line was disbanded. Altho we separated at Cumberland Old Courthouse I am confident from

his letters to me and conversation with himself since, and others his companions, that he did not leave the Army untill its dissolution. Given from my hand this 31st day of January 1839
Berkley County.

Henry Bedinger Captn
5th Virginia Reg't/ Revolutionary Army

Heirs of Daniel Bedinger dec'd.

Henry Bedinger jr Susan P. Cornwall, Henrietta Lee

Children of Dec'd. Daughter Elizabeth C. Washington

Lawrence B. Washington [sic], Daniel Daniel B. Washington, Sally E. Washington, Benj'n.
Frank'n Washington, Georgeanna [?] Washington, Mary E. Washington, John Thornton
Washington, Mildred B. Washington, Susan E. Washington & George Washington.

Children of dec'd. a daughter [first name illegible] Foster

Thos. [illegible] Foster

Margaret A. Foster

Children of a dec'd daughter Nancy Bryan

John L. Bryan

Sarah R. Bryan

Children of dec'd. daughter Virginia Lucas

William Lucas,

Sally E. Lucas

Daniel B. Lucas

NOTE: Deborah Hite and Eleanor Brown stated that they were present when their sister, Sarah Bedinger, married Daniel Bedinger. On 17 Apr 1843 Sarah Bedinger applied under a later act, with her age said to be 71.