

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Munnerlyn W8479      Ann Munnerlyn      SC  
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State of South Carolina }  
Marion District }

On this the eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty five, personally appeared before me Josiah J Evans Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the District and State aforesaid, Ann Munnerlyn a resident of the said District and State, aged eighty five years in June next 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 the Seventh AD One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, entitled “An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows” That she is the widow of Benjamin Munnerlyn, who was a captain of infantry in the Brigade under the command of General [Francis] Marion, That her husband Captain Munnerlyn was first enrolled as a private volunteer in the Regiment commanded by then Colonel, afterwards General Marion, in the spring of the year of (1776) One thousand seventeen hundred and seventy six, The Regiment was ordered to Purysburg [Purysburgh] in this State, after remaining at that place for some time they were marched to Savannah. Benjamin Munnerlyn was in the battle at that place [9 Oct 1779], and was wounded in the leg with a musket ball. He served regularly in camp and scouting parties until after the battle of Camden in 177– [sic: 16 Aug 1780] he was at the taking of a good many British prisoners at Nelson’s ferry [25 Aug 1780], where he was wounded in the shoulder. Immediately after this in the year 177– he was appointed Captain of infantry in Marion’s Brigade and served in that capacity until the end of the war; he was stationed some time in Britton’s Neck [Brittons Neck in present Marion County] and Snow’s island in the Peedee [sic: Pee Dee River, in present Florence County], from the former place he marched in the night, and attacked a company of Tories assembled on the Peedee under the command of Tory Captain named Barfield. The tories were completely routed; he was also in an engagement with the tories at Black Mingo [28 Sep 1780]. On another occasion he commanded a detachment against a large body of tories on the little Peedee, where the greater of the tories were either killed or captured – was at the retaking of Georgetown [28 May 1781] and Charleston [14 Dec 1782] from the British After this [sic] he was in several fights against the tories. In a fight which took place in what was called the Blue Savannah [4 Sep 1780] he caught one of his soldiers as he was falling from a shot in the breast.

She further states that her maiden name was Ann Bachelor and that she intermarried with Capt Benjamin Munnerlyn on the twelfth day of December AD 1787 (one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven, and that the said Captain Benjamin Munnerlyn died the twenty fifth of March AD 1800, (one thousand eight hundred, And the declarant further states that some few years since, her dwelling-house was entirely Consumed by fire, and that in the flames perished her husband’s Commission, and other written evidence of her husband’s service and discharge from service      [signed] Ann Munnerlyn

South Carolina } S.S.  
Marion District }

Be it known that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1846 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said District and State, Jonah Collins, a resident of the aforesaid District of Marion, and state of South Carolina; and made Oath in due form of Law; that he well remembers the period of time Called the “Truce” which took place during the Revolutionary war for American Independence [truce between Loyalist Maj. Micajah Ganey and Gen. Francis Marion, 17 Jun 1781 - 17 Jun 1782]. that he was at that time about fourteen years of age; – That he then, and before that time, personally knew Capt Benjamin Munnerlyn a whig Captain, whose wife was named previous to her marriage with Captain B. Munnerlyn Ann Bachelor. that he has often seen said Capt Munnerlyn, in charge of detachment of soldiers in pursuit

of the British and Tories. That he remembers well a Battle fought in this District at a place called The “Blue Savannah” in which Captain Munnerlyn commanded a Company or detachment of the whigs, that this deponent at the time of that Battle resided with his Mother about five miles from the Battle Ground – that Captain Munnerlyn was in several other engagements with the British & Tories as this deponent heard persons then speaking of in the neighbourhood of this deponents residence – that he said Munnerlyn was wounded both in the leg and shoulder by what was said to be musket Balls. That this deponent knows from the conversation of persons in the neighbourhood of that day, that Captain Munnerlyn was in the service of the United states several years. That he has seen the wounds before stated, as shewn by Captain Munnerlyn at a place a few miles below Marion Courthouse, during the Truce, at a house belonging to a man by the name of Cunningham, where at a reaping, one Capt. Simonds [probably Shade Simons] together with said Munnerlyn arrived with about forty soldiers. They had with them also a British deserter, by the name of John Butler, who was there shot to death by said Simonds. That this deponent resided after that time, not exceeding five miles from Capt. B. Munnerlyn, until the death of the latter; that Mrs Ann Munnerlyn, his widow has never intermarried with any one since his death; and is now his widow, that she had the misfortune some few years since, of having her house burnt; and all that was in it – and is a highly respectable lady, and known and spoken of as the widow of a good old whig Captain  
Jonah hisXmark Collins

The State of South Carolina }  
Marion District } [18 June 1847]

Personally appeared before me Edward B Wheeler Clerk of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the District in the State aforesaid William B Rowell of the said District aged forty seven years who being duly sworn deposes, that he has frequently heard his Father (who served in the war of the Revolution under Marion) speak of John, Loftus [Loftus R. Munnerlyn, pension application S18136, & Benjamin Munnerlyn] as being in Marions army – that they were all older than Deponents father – has heard him allude to the fact of “the three brothers being in the army” – that there is no doubt in the neighbourhood & District of the fact of Ann Munnerlyn being the widow of the said Benjamin Munnerlyn – that her character & reputation has always been that of a highly respectable old lady – and has never heard of the slightest imputation having ever been cast upon her veracity – that some six or seven years ago her house was burnt down and that it is the universal belief so far as Deponent has ever heard – that every earthly thing she possessed, she thereby lost – she being absent from home at the time of the conflagration.  
[signed] W. B. Rowell

Comptroller Gen'l's Office/ Columbia So. Ca. 24 Sept. 1850.

This is to certify that from the Records of this office Book X, No. 542, it appears that Benjamin Munnerlyne's name is credited with 132 days duty in Gen'l. Marion's Brigade as Lieutenant 13<sup>th</sup> March 1782, and 27 days duty in the same as Lieut 27 June 1782, which account is sworn to before Jas Johnston 26 Aug't. 1783 and an order enclosed dated “RecDec[?] 25<sup>th</sup> Sept'r. 1786" in favor of Capt Jos. Greaves [Joseph Greaves] and signed “Benj'a Munerlin” before Hugh Giles J.P.

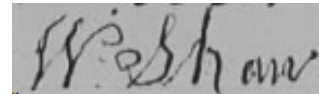
For Comptroller Gen'l./ James A. Black/ Dep.

The State of South Carolina } William Shaw Senr. [pension application S19078] personally  
Marion District } appeared; who being duly sworn according to Law, says that; he is about [blank] years of age. That he was well acquainted with Captain Benjamin Munnerlyn prior to the year of 1780 and 1781 and after the latter stated periods, up to the time of his death; that the said Munnerlyn married one Ann Bachelder on or about the year 1787 – that this deponent was well acquainted with two other Brothers of the said Benjamin Munnerlyn, John and James [John Munnerlyn and James Munnerlyn]. that Both of them entered the service of the United States in the American Revolution, some time after Benjamin did – that Benjamin Munnerlyn [sic] on or about the year 1780 saw B. Munnerlyn in charge of a company of about 50 men at a place called Snows Island on the great

Peedee, a place of resort for Marions forces. Munerlyn was drilling his men, and walked lame from the wound of a musket Ball in his leg. This deponent saw the wound then not healed, said to have been Received at Nelson's ferry – about the year after 1781 [sic] – while at the house of old Mr Phillips in this District, saw Capt Munnerlyn at the head of his Company he was on an Iron Grey horse, the soldiers and other officers on foot; marching as this deponent was then informed to attack a company of Tories, commanded by a Tory Captain called Barfield on the little pee dee River; that he saw Captain Munnerlyn after the fight with Barfield, and heard him describe it very particularly – that after the fight with Barfield he heard that Munnerlyn & his men come upon a large Company of Tories assembled at a place called the Blue Savannah a few miles on the west side of the little peedee, where they had a severe fight; this deponent heard a man say who was in that engagement by the name of Evans; that he received a severe wound and in falling was caught in the arms of Captain Munnerlyn

That after the War was over he was frequently at the house of Capt Munnerlyn; remembers that he was shown a wound in the shoulder; that he was well acquainted with both him and his wife Mrs Ann Munnerlyn; visited them often in the life time of the Captain – a portion of the time of the war, bore the rank of Lieutenant, and of Captain afterwards, saw him as often during the war as any man with whom he was acquainted and although a long time ago remembers distinctly that Munnerlyn was in the war until the end.

[20 Nov 1850]

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "W. E. H. M.".

NOTE: On 11 Jan 1847 Ann Munnerlyn declared that she was the mother of six children, all dead, and that her oldest, William, would be have been 60 years old.