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Pension application of Benjamin Warford (Wofford) W8977

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[fn p. 14]

State of Kentucky, Anderson County

On this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Anderson Circuit Court now sitting Benjamin Warford a resident of said County and State aged 78 years 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 the 7th day of June 1832 – viz.: I, Benjamin Warford, do hereby solemnly state on oath that I am now 78 years of age and that I was born in the State of South Carolina and Ninety-Six District where I resided when the revolutionary war commenced, and I was called into service of my country as follows, viz.:

In the month of September in the year 1779 I enlisted for three years in Captain Jackson's company of the 4th South Carolina Regiment [sic, Third Regiment] commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] in the Continental line in Ninety-six District near Granby and we marched to Stono River where we had a battle¹ with the British, and beat them off. We then marched to Charleston where we continued stationed about three months, and from thence to we marched to Saluda River and thence to Broad River and Colonel Thomson was promoted to a General and Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] succeeded him and soon after General Greene [Nathanael Greene] took command we fought the Battle of Guilford² in March 1781 & then we marched to Ninety-Six³ where we besieged the British until Lord Rawdon came on and General Greene retreated, and after Rawdon pursued General Green across Broad River and as soon as Greene was reinforced he again made head against the British and we marched down to the Eutaw Springs⁴ where Rawdon made a stand and we crossed over and I was engaged in this Battle of Eutaw where we whipped the British, and after the Battle of Eutaw where I was bayoneted through the thigh and hit on my shoulder & shot through my arm having been badly wounded and my shoulder broken with the butt of a musket, which has subjected me to fits for the last 26 years [ten lines of text are here lined and crossed out] and Previous in the Summer 1780 I was detached in Captain Hughes' company of Colonel Branham's [sic, Thomas Brandon's] Regiment of the South Carolina Militia, and we marched to King's Mountain where we had the battle⁵ with General Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] and after the Battle we returned to

¹ June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

² March 15, 1781. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810315.htm>

³ Siege 22 May-19 June 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm>

⁴ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

⁵ October 7, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kingsmtn.htm>

Brown's Creek and I was afterwards marched to the Cowpens⁶ where we joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and defeated Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] but I was taken prisoner myself and afterwards at Blackstock's⁷ on Tyger Creek I made my escape and joined my own company and we beat Tarleton and pursued him several miles having served in this Regiment about nine months and after Lord Cornwallis was taken I was discharged honorably. I have no documentary evidence of my age or service having long since lost my discharges and I do not know of any person living except Henry Deshasure⁸ of Mercer County (Ky) by whom I can prove any of my services and I have this day seen and conversed with him and I hereby release all claim that I have to any pension or annuity and I am not nor a pensioner of the United States or of any State.

Witness my hand this 13th day of September 1832.

S/ Benjamin Warford, X his mark

Anderson County: viz.

This day Henry Deshasure came into open court and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement, viz.: I Henry Deshasure do hereby solemnly declare that I have known the above Benjamin Warford who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration since the year 1779 and have known him ever since. I have conversed with him and I well remember that I was confined in Ninety-Six jail when General Greene besieged it, and the account said Warford gives of the Siege I have no doubt he was there. I also was with said Warford in Colonel Brandon's Regiment and we were together at the Battle of King's Mountain, the Cowpens and Blackstocks Ford on Tyger Creek – so that I knew of said Warford's services during that time and his other services. I was present at some of them although in a different Regiment he has described to the many particular events which satisfy me that he was with Cols Sumter and Marion and that he served more than two years. The said Warford is a man of truth and veracity. Witness my hand this 13th day of September 1832.

S/ Henry Deshasure, ℓ his mark

[Jordan H. Walker, a clergyman, John Morgan and Samuel B. Petty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 4: On October 16, 1848 in Nelson County Kentucky, Elizabeth Warford, upwards of 93 years of age, filed for her widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Warford; that she married him in 1782; that her husband died September 15, 1846; and that she remains his widow. She states that her 3rd daughter [not named] is upwards of 60 years of age.]

[fn p. 9: on October 12, 1848, John Warford upwards of 55 years of age testified in Anderson County Kentucky that he is the 6th child of his father and mother Benjamin and Elizabeth Warford; that he has heard his mother state that her marriage took place in the state of South Carolina.]

[fn p. 11: on October 12, 1848 in Anderson County Kentucky, Mrs. Margaret Parmer, upwards of 63 years of age, testified that she is the 3rd child of Benjamin and Elizabeth Warford.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a private in the revolution.]

[the Bounty land warrant card of Daniel Warier, a private in the Maryland line, Warrant Number 11803, for 100 acres issue December 18, 1794 2 Henry Purdy, assignee, is erroneously included at the end of this file.]

⁶ January 17, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowpens.htm>

⁷ November 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm>

⁸ [Henry Deshasure S16362](#)