

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

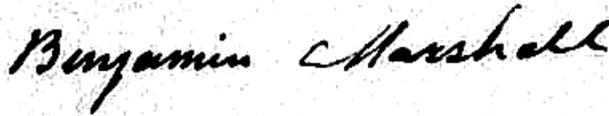
Pension application of Benjamin Marshall W4279 Elizabeth Marshall f27VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 3/4/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Hardy County: to wit

On this 11th day of March 1834 personally appeared before me John Littler a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Benjamin Marshall a resident of the County aforesaid and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted militia man in the year 1780 or 1781 commanded by the following named officers Captain Michael Stump, Lieutenant Samuel Hornback & other Lemore Hornback. That the whole of his company were drafted from the County of Hampshire (now Hardy) in the State of Virginia in which affiant at that time has and ever since resided. That they marched through Romney, Winchester, Falmouth, Fredericksburg and Richmond. That he does not distinctly recollect the period of this service but he is satisfied that it was at least three months. He further states that he was again drafted and entered the service of the State of Virginia from the same County in the latter part of the year 1781 under Captain Berry and Lieutenant Johnston that they were engaged in guarding the prisoners near Winchester for some time and escorted a portion of them to Shepherdstown on the Potomac [River] where he was discharged. He does not remember the length of service but believes it to have been 3 months. Affiant states that his discharges have been lost and that the only evidence of his services is the testimony of Elizabeth Bean hereto affixed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year aforesaid
S/ John Littler S/ Benjamin Marshall



Virginia Hardy County to wit

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the State and County aforesaid Benjamin Marshall who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service – but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades the is: For two tow [sic] tours of 3 months each at least I served as a private and for such I claim a pension. Given under my hand this 11th day of

March 1834 and

S/ John Littler

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the County of Prince George State of Maryland in the year 1755

Ques. Have you any record of your age if so where is it?

Answer – I have and it is now in my possession

Question. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Hampshire (now Hardy) State of Virginia, have continued to reside there since period and do still reside there –

Question – How were you called into service?

Ans. – I was drafted to each service.

Question – State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served – such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer – I do not remember the names of any of the Regular Officers nor any of the Regiments with which we were connected in either of the tours above referred to. The officers of the two Companies in which I served and the character of their service are above described. Question – Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I did receive 2 discharges both of which have been lost I don't from whom though I presume my Captains.

Question. State the names of persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are known who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief as to your services in the Revolution as a soldier Western Mark

Answer – Elizabeth Bean, Thomas Marshall & H. Lynthicum

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hardy Elizabeth Bean who made the following statement on oath. That she recollects that the aforesaid Benjamin Marshall was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and that said Marshall's wife lived in her father's family during his absence that she well recollects of his returning from said war about 1782 though how long he was absent she has forgotten.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of March 1834

S/ Elizabeth Bean, X her mark

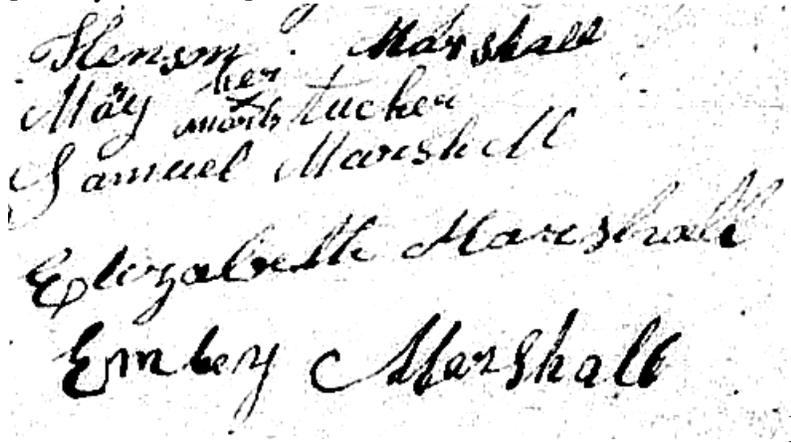
[Thomas Marshall and Hezekiah Linthicum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On August 29, 1838 in Hardy County Virginia, Elizabeth Marshall, 78, applied for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of a pensioner of the United States; that she married him in 1775 and that her husband died March 29, 1834 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 26: On June 23, 1840 in Hardy County Virginia, Thomas Marshall Senior made oath that Thomas Marshall Junior deceased the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Marshall would be now were he living 59 or upward years of age; that Samuel Marshall the youngest child of said Benjamin & Elizabeth Marshall is now 43 years of age.]

[p 12: On August 28, 1838 in Hardy County Virginia, Ann Marshall gave testimony that Elizabeth Marshall and Benjamin Marshall were married between the years 1774 and 1776; that the rites of matrimony were performed by a minister of the gospel in Montgomery County Maryland where they resided.]

[p 8: finding by the court in Hardy County Virginia on February 2, 1846 that Benjamin Marshall deceased pensioner of the United States died leaving Elizabeth Marshall his widow; that said Elizabeth parted this life the 10th day of October last [1845] she also being a pensioner of the United States leaving the following named children, Hanson Marshall [Henson Marshall?], Mary Tucker, formerly Mary Marshall, Samuel Marshall, Elizabeth Marshall and Emily Marshall [Embey Marshall?].



A handwritten list of names in cursive script, likely a list of children. The names are: Henson Marshall, Mary Tucker, Samuel Marshall, Elizabeth Marshall, and Embey Marshall. The list is written on a piece of paper with some faint markings and a small bracket at the bottom right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]