

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Berry R24643

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District of Columbia, SS.

On this 14th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appears Thomas Berry aged 59 years, resident in Washington County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Thomas Berry enlisted in King George County in the state of Virginia in August 1777 in the company commanded by Captain John Mazzard [sic: John Mazarett] of the 1st Virginia Reg't of artillery on the continental estab[lishmen]t; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the 23^d day of August 1780, when he was discharged from service in Richmond state of Virginia, that he was in several skirmishes with the enemy in and about Hampton in the said state and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, having lost his discharges.

The Commonwealth of Virginia

Fairfax County towit:

On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax, Thomas Berry aged Sixty Two years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows vizt: He inlisted in King George County state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Majarts and attached to Colo. Marshalls [Thomas Marshall's] Regiment of artillery of the Virginia line in which he served three years all of which will more fully appear by his declaration of record in the department of war bearing date the 14th day of April 1818 whereupon he received a certificate of pension bearing date on the 15th day of April 1818 and number 156 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I also declare that I was not bred to any trade, but was formerly a sailor and my present occupation is a course shoe maker which from my advanced age and dimness of sight I am now but little able to pursue that I have a wife aged about fifty years five girl children towit: Nancey aged 26 years a cripple from her infancy Ann aged 18 years, Huriet[?] aged 16 years Elizabeth aged 14 years and Eliza aged 10 years.

[signed] Thomas Berry

A Schedule of the property Goods and effects of the above mentioned Thomas Berry by him subscribed and delivered in open Court on making the above Declaration vizt –

3 old Chests..	\$3.—
three small old tables.	4.50
eight old chairs..	4.—
old Tubs and Bucketts.	2.—
four Pots and ovens..	5.—

six knives and forks.....	1.—
Plates, Dishes.	2.—
Tea kettle and coffee pott. . . .	3.—
Shoe makers Tools.....	<u>5.—</u>
	\$29.50

[signed] Thomas Berry

NOTES:

On 4 Sep 1820 Berry applied to have his pension transferred from Washington, DC to Fairfax County.

On 21 Aug 1838 Catherine S. Berry, 69, of Fairfax County, applied for a pension stating that she was the widow of Thomas Berry, "who was a soldier of the Revolution in Capt. Turnbulls company Col. Mathew's Reg't. of the Line of Virginia...." These officers were probably Capt. Stephen Turnbull and Maj. Thomas Mathews. Catherine Berry stated that she was married in King George County on 4 Mar 1781 "under 14 yrs of age," and he died 7 Jan 1829. As proof of marriage she submitted the family record from the Bible of her father John Stephens, which is transcribed below. On 4 Sep 1838 Elizabeth Zimmerman and Ann King, 64, sisters of Catherine Berry, authenticated the family record and stated that they had been present at her marriage to Thomas Berry.

Nancy Berry daughter of Thos. Berry and Katy his Wife was born February 6th 1790

Thomas Berry, Son of Thomas Berry, and Katy his wife, was Born March 7th Anno domini 1792

And departed this life May 27th 1795

John Bachus the Son of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his Wife was born Dec'r 16 1732

Sarah Bachus the Daughter of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his Wife was born Dec'r 17th 1737

Thomas Bachus the Son of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his wife was born Oct'r 15th 1739

Ann Bachus the Daughter of Thomas Bachus and Sicily his wife was born May [illegible] 1741[?]

Mary Ann Berry Daughter of Thomas Berry and Katy his Wife was born on Saturday the 29th day of July Anno Domini 1786

Katy Stephens Berry, daughter of Thos. Berry & Katy Berry born March 23rd Anno Domini 1788

[The following two entries are upside down on the same page as the above.]

Emme Peach ye daughter of John & Hestor Peach was Born ye first day aprill in ye year of our Lord god 1738[?] about four hours in ye [illegible word]

Fielder Peach ye Son of John & Hestor Peach was Born ye 13th of December in ye year of our Lord god 1739 about an hour by Sun at [illegible word]

[The following two entries are on the opposite side of the above entries.]

John Stephens Berry Son of Wm. Berry and Marthey[?] was born August 3[?] Anno Domini 1792

Mary Ann Berry was Born on Saturday July 29th 1786 and Departed this life on Friday July the 1st Anno Domini 1791

Death with his dart did Smite my Heart

Before I came to my Prime

My Parents did they Grief forbear

It was Gods Appointed time

William Sertin[?]