Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Bingham S2377 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee } Ss Blount County } On this 27th day of Sept 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before Robert Houston James Grundle and Wm McGeer three of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions in and for said County

now sitting it being a court of Record Benjamine Bingham a resident of the said County and state in the said County of Blount and State of Tennessee aged 76 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 June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated He resided in Culpeper County Virginia at which place in the last of August or first of September 1777 he was drafted for a three months tour against the british under Capt Henery Hill [sic: Henry Hill] in Maj Waughs and Col James Barbours Regiment of Militia Rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse and Marched to Faequire [sic: Fauquier] Courthouse thence through Louden [sic: Loudoun] County Crossd the Patomack at Nolins ferry [sic: Potomac River at Noland's Ferry] thence to Frederick town Maryland thence to Burns[?] Mill there we met an express to send back half the men we cast lots and his lot was to go home that night there came another express for all the men to go on in the service he went on and marched to Litle York [York PA] thence to Lancaster Pensylvania thence to Bucks County there we joined Genl Washingtons army lay there a few days then we marched with the army to Jarmantown [sic: Germantown] or close by lay there till Genl Washington went to the Valy forge [sic: Valley Forge] and took up winter quarters he was then honourably discharged which discharge was signed by Capt Hill which discharge is lost or mislaid Served three months Again while liveing at the same place on the 21st of May 1781 he was drafted for a three months tour against the brittish under Capt Henery Gales [Henry Gales] in Col Allcocks Regiment of Militia his christian name not recollected Rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse on the day and year last aforesaid march with greate spead what was caled a forsed march to Col Dandridges [William Dandridge's] old fields 21 miles above Richmond there we joined Genl Layfayette's [sic: Lafayette's] army there Col Edwards [probably Elias Edmonds] took command of us lay there a day or two Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] came into the settlement and we retreated both day and night till we got to the Raccoon ford on the Rapadan [sic: Rapidan] River there we met Genl Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne, 10 June] with his Brigad we were also reinforced by about 400 men from Culpeper County V.a. We then persued Cornwallace and he then retreated and we followed on to Savagies fields [Savage's Fields?] there our infantry and cavelry had a scrimage with the enemy the British had to retreat we persued them to New Kent Courthouse that night we lay in that neighbourhood several days but the british retreated to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] lay there some time thence to the Mawben hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] upon James River lay there till our time was out and was honourably discharge which discharge was signed by said Capt Gales and Col Edmonds which discharge is lost or mislaid served this tour three months

Again while liveing at the same place in December 1780 he was drafted for a three months tour against the british under Capt Henery Gales had no Col Rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse Marched to Hunters Iron works near Falsmouth on the Rapahannock River [sic: near Falmouth on the Rappahannock River] lay there till we ware discharged got no writen discharge served one month and a half this was his second tour but by mistak was over looked wen at its place

Again while liveing at the same place in the begining of September 1781 he was drafted for a three months tour under Capt Clark his Christian name not reccollected in Col James Barbers Regiment of Militia Rendezvoused at Culpeper Court house marched through arrange [sic: Orange] county Caroline

Hanover New Kent counties to Williamsburgh and to York town He was then and there transfered into the artilery under the Command Maj Boman [Bowman?] and Genl Knox he was in the whole Siege of York [28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781] helped to take Cornwallace and guard the prisoners to Williamsburgh and was there discharged his discharge was signed by Capt William Griflet[?] and Col Edmons Served three months at this time his discharge is lost or mislaid he served in the whole ten months and a half He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Benjamin Bingham