Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Field Benjamin (widow Mildred) VA W3009
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[p2]
Kentucky certificate 32269
Benjamin Field, decd, Pvt, Ensign, & Capt
In the Regt of Col Crockett
1 mo Pvt
8 mo, 3 days Ensign
8 mo, 2 days Captain
Issued 06Dec1844 @ $289.32/annum

[p3]
Kentucky certificate 3603
Mildred Field, widow of Benjamin
A Private, Ensign, Captain
Issued 02Feb1849 @ $289.32.

[p4 calculation]
Private 1 month 3.33
Ensign, infantry 8 mo, 3 days 84.22
Captain, Cavalry 8 mo, 2 days 201.66
$289.32

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832
State of Kentucky
County of Daviess sct:
On this 9th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Daviess
Circuit Court now sitting, Benjamin Field, a resident in the County of Daviess and state of
Kentucky, aged seventy six years past, 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 names officers and
served as herein states. That in the month of August or early September 1780, he was appointed
an Ensign in Major George Slaughter’s Battalion of Col Crockett’s Regiment in the Virginia
State Line which battalion was then stationed at the Falls of the Ohio (now Louisville). That he
served therein under Capt Roark Thomas and Lieut Joseph Saunders as said until the early
Spring when he was promoted to a Captain of Cavalry in said line. That previous to entering the
service he had lived in Culpeper County in the state of Virginia, but came to the Falls in the
Spring of 1780, with Major Slaughte’s, and was a volunteer, in the summer of that year, under
Col Clarke in the expedition to the Piqua Towns and on the return from which campaign he was
Appointed as Ensign as above stated. That some time in the fall of 1780 he returned to Virginia with Col Clarke who during that Winter was appointed Brigadier General in said line. That in the Spring of 1781, he repaired to Red Stone for the purpose of descending the river to join his company at the falls, where he was overtaken by Genl Clarke [George Rogers Clark] when Major John Crittenden handed him his commission as Captain before stated. That upon the reception of his said commission he commenced recruiting his company, and by the time Genl Clarke and Col Crockett were prepared to descend the river in the winter of 1781, he had raised his troop, and descended the river with them to the falls. That in descending the river, he came from Red Stone old Ford to Pittsburgh where Col Gibson and Se Knights were stationed, whom he knew. That at Pittsburgh, he left the boats and traveled across the country with his troops by a place called Catfish where Washington in Transylvania is now situated, and joined the army again at Wheeling at which place it was decided that Col Loughery of Pennsylvania Militia would also join the army with his command, but failing to do so, and arriving at Wheeling a short time after Gen Clarke had left, he attempted to descend the river in pursuit of the army in which attempts he was met by the Indians near the mouth of the Big Miami and defeated. That at the Falls of the Ohio river, he knew Brigadier Genl George R. Clarke and Major John Crittenden, [p8] his aide- Col. Joseph Crockett, Major George Walls, Capts. William Cherry and Thomas Young, Lieuts. Peter Moore, Hugh McGavock, and others of said regiment. Col Montgomery, Major Thomas Quirk, Capt. Isaac Taylor & others of the Illinois Regiment and also Capts. John Regus of Cavalry. That in September 1781, he lost almost the whole of his troops in an engagement with the Indians 18 or 20 miles above the falls at what was called Floyd’s defeat, commanded by his Lieutenants, not being present himself on that occasion. That he continued in actual service as Captain until the army was disbanded in December 1781, when he retired as a supernumerary Captain and remained as such until the end of the war.

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.

Benjamin Field

We John S McFarland and Philip Triplett residing in Daviess County and State of Kentucky, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Capt Benjamin Field, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That we believe him to be seventy six years of age. That he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. P. Triplett

John S. McFarland

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[p9 routine county certification Abney McLean, John S. McFarland, clerk]
State of Kentucky  
Ohio County

On this the 27th day of June 1840 personally appeared before us James Newton & Henry Stevens acting justices of the peace in and for the county of Ohio State of Kentucky Mrs. Mildred Fields a resident of the said county of Ohio aged upwards of seventy five years and who is by reason of bodily infirmity wholly prevented from appearing in open court and she after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, to wit: That she is the widow of Benjamin Field deceased late of the County of Daviess, State of Kentucky and who was a Captain and Major in the Army of the Revolution and belonged to the Virginia State Line and Illinois Regiment and served many years commanding as an officer as she verily believes and became entitled to Land Bounty for his service as an officer from the State of Virginia and did receive or was allowed in the year 1802 Bounty Land for three years service as captain in quantity 4000 acres and was allowed thereafter as declarant has been advised a quantity connected with the above quantity that was to equal 5000 and which was made to him as a Major, and her said husband was allowed in July 1808 his half pay for his service in said state line of Virginia in said army and which was granted him at the rate of $200 per annum commencing 22nd day of April 1783 and to the evidence upon which the aforesaid Bounty in Land was granted and the service upon which the allowance of said half pay was granted, she presenting the whole to be under the immediate inspection of the proper officer, will refer for the character of the service performed by her said husband, its duration & the officers under whom it was performed together with such other facts as may be contained in said evidence in proof of her claim. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence in favor of her claim. She further declares that her said husband resided in the state of Virginia when he entered the service and thinks in Culpeper County. She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Field on the 19th day of August Seventeen Hundred and Ninety 1790, That her husband the afsd Benjamin Field died on the 3d day of January 1842. That she was not married to him prior to his entering the service but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794 viz at the time above stated.
Sworn to and subscribed before us the day and year above written.

s/ Mildred Field

and year above written.
[routine county certification:
James Newton, JP
Henry Stevens, JP
Ch Henderson, clerk

[signature] Mildred Field
[the file of 190 pages contains papers to and from the War Department by various Daviess County officials, attorneys, and congressman on the issues of half pay for life in addition to the pension, of the widow’s pension, and of a claim by the heirs of Benjamin Field.]
Addendum to Benjamin Field W3009
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 2 Feb 2014.

[The following are from Revolutionary bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia. Most of the online images are illegible.]

[The quality of the online image is poor.]
State of Kentucky  }  Sct
Daviess County  }

I Benjamin Field aged seventy four years past do upon oath testify and declare, that in the year
1780 I entered into the service of the State of Virginia, upon the State establishment, as Ensign, under Col.
George Slaughter, commandant at the falls of the Ohio (then in Virginia) that I continued in the service of
Virginia as Ensign in same corps until I received a commission of Captain, dated the 28th day of May
1781 in the forces of the same State of Virginia – and that I continued in the service as such, until the end
of the war – when I was regularly discharged. I further state I have never received a warrant for any bounty
land from the State of Virginia – nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner [two
illegible words]. Nor did I ever receive any pay from the State of Virginia for the time I was actually in her
service.

Given under my hand this 18th day of June 1831

[To Gov. John Floyd]
Auditors Office [of Virginia]  21 April 1832
Richard Elliot of Kentucky who was in this city some months since left in my care the
accompanying papers (except the depositions which I have just received from Kentucky) in support of the
claim of Capt Benjamin Field for Land bounty Field’s own deposition which is supported by the
depositions of [John] Allen and [Joseph] Saunders shows that he entered the service as Ensign in 1780 and
served at the falls of Ohio under Col. Geo. Slaughter. (Slaughter was the second in command to [Joseph]
Crockett). It appears also that in May 1781 he was appointed by Mr Jefferson captain of a troop of Horse
and the original commission is produced. Allen deposes that he served with his troop of horse, with
Crockett’s regiment at the falls of Ohio – and that part of his troops was engaged with the Indians under
Col [John] Floyd (probably yr Father) – Allen also testifies that Field was neither superseded or cashiered
nor did he resign, but that he continued to serve until Crockett’s Regiment was discharged If you do not
think the testimony sufficient to establish the claim to Land bounty I have promised Mr Elliott to write to
him for additional proof – which he may possibly be enabled to procure.

Elliott is prosecuting also the claim for half pay. I shall be under the necessity of asking that the
commissions and depositions may hereafter be withdrawn for the purpose of sustaining the application.

With great respect/ your obedient serv’t/ Jas E. Heath

NOTE: The file includes a copy of the commision of Benjamin Field as “Captain of a Troop of Horse in
the forces of this Commonwealth,” signed by Gov. Thomas Jefferson on 28 May 1781.