

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Enoch Berry ¹ W8128

Barbary Berry f39NC

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State of Tennessee, Warren County

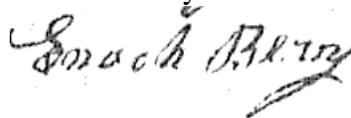
On the 3rd day of October 1832, Enoch Berry appeared in Open Court in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions aforesaid County, a resident of said County and State aged about sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed seventh of June 1832: that in April 1780 he was drafted into the service for four months under the following officers, viz: in Captain Samuel Wood's company and in Colonel Charles McDowell's Regiment, Joseph McDowell was Major (Col. McDowell was promoted to Brigadier General and Major McDowell took command of the Regiment as Colonel). The Regiment was organized at Morganton North Carolina and marched to different places in North and South Carolina in pursuit of the Tories and British and was finally marched back to Morganton and discharged when their term of service had expired. In August 1780, this declarant volunteered for two months under the same Captain; Joseph McDowell took the command. There was only a battalion of them. This campaign was intended for King's Mountain. The battalion marched across the mountain and joined Cols Campbell [William Campbell], Sevier [John Sevier] & Shelby [Isaac Shelby] who were then on their way to King's Mountain. McDowell's battalion marched on with them and participated in the Battle [October 7, 1780]. This declarant, his father & brother were all engaged in the battle. His father was killed and his brother wounded, who died of his wounds shortly after he returned home. The declarant was again marched back to Morganton and discharged in the summer of 1781. This declarant again volunteered and joined Captain Samuel Moore's company. The object of this expedition was to check the Tories in South Carolina. The service was performed just after the siege of '96 [Ninety Six]. Continued four weeks in the service and was discharged. Again volunteered against the Cherokee Indians in Captain Samuel Wood's company, Joseph McDowell commander; fought the Indians at Cowee town and killed and took about 30 of them in that and the surrounding towns. This service continued four weeks. In the same fall, volunteered again against the Indians under Captain John Russell, Joseph McDowell commanded. Marched again to Cowee towns, killed and took several Indians. This service continued six weeks. Again volunteered for 14 days the same year under Captain Samuel Wood and was stationed to guard Templeton's station which is the last

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service he performed. During the time of his service he resided in Burke County North Carolina. [He] Has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person nearer than North Carolina and perhaps not there by whom he can prove the same except Charles O'Neal who lived in the same neighborhood and though too young to be engaged in the service, he knows of this declarant entering the service and returning home again. 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.

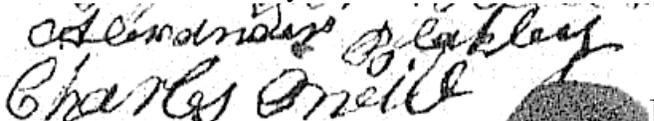
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Enoch Berry



S/James Colville, Clerk by L. Colville, DC

[Alexander Blakely, a clergyman, and Charles O'Neal gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition: "the said Charles O'Neal states further he saw the said declarant when he entered the service in the King mountain campaign and saw him on his way home with his wounded brother who died shortly after and also recollects some of his Indian campaign."



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Answers to the questions directed to the put by the court: this declarant says he was born the 11th of December 1763; has no record of his age; lived in Burke County North Carolina; after the war closed lived twenty years in Pendleton District, South Carolina; ten years in Madison County Alabama; eight years in Smith County Tennessee; since that lived in Warren County Tennessee where he now resides; was drafted first campaign & volunteered every other; never served with any Regulars; he received several written discharges but does not remember who signed them; some of which were lost others given to different persons not remembered to enable them to draw his wages; he is acquainted in his neighborhood with Isaac Young, Jim Young, John Tolliver, Russell Brewer, David Young, John Graham and John Batson.

[p 5: On May 23rd, 1853 in Cannon County Tennessee, Mrs. Berbary Berry, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Enoch Berry a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$23.10 per annum; that she married him in Smith County Tennessee November 13, 1823; that they were married by Henry McWhirter, JP; that before her marriage she was Berbary Thomson; that her husband died his residence in Cannon County Tennessee September 21, 1848; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: On May 23, 1855 in Cannon County Tennessee, David D Hipp gave testimony that he is well acquainted with 'Berbary Berry' widow of Enoch Berry and that the following is information taken from the family record contained in a holy Bible printed in the year 1834: "Enoch Berry Married Berbara Thomson, Sec'd [?] 2d wife November 13, 1823" "Enoch Berry, departed this life on the 21st day of September A. D. 1848. Supposed to have been in the Eighty fourth year of his age."

David D. Hipp]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months & 28 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]