

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Beniger R744

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The State of Ohio }
Fayette County } Ss.

On this 27th day March AD 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Fayette County Court now sitting George Beniger a resident of Green-Township in the County and State aforesaid aged 69 years the 28th day of last Aug who being first duly sworn according to law does upon 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. I.E. This affiant states that he entered the service of the United States in Frederick County in the State of Virginia on or about the first of March AD 1781 as a substitute to guard the prisoners at Winchester in Frederick Co, in the said state of Virginia under the command of Captain Crookshanks; where he remained but a few days when the prisoners were removed to Philadelphia this affiant then volunteered under the command of Captain Jenkins to guard the prisoners to the said Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania where he arrived on Saturday evening & he this affiant remained here untill Monday morning following when he returned under the command of the said Capt Jenks to Frederick Co. in Virginia. The circumstances of this trip are these – When it was found necessary to remove a part of the prisoners from Winchester the commanding officer proffered to give all a discharge from the tour (which was three months) who would volunteer to guard the prisoners to Philadelphia – this affiant being then a substitute as before observed volunteered and received a verbal discharge accordingly though he was not actually in the service but two months – A short time after this affiant returned from Philadelphia he entered the service again as a volunteer under General [Daniel] Morgan in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dark [William Darke] and in the company commanded by Capt. Marquis Calamees [sic: Marquis Calmes]. The engagement was to serve 40 days after receiving general orders. He this affiant with the other volunteers were soon after called upon to march but had not left the town of Winchester in Frederick Co. in Virginia, when the company was ordered to return and hold themselves in rediness at a moments warning – about two weeks after this (he this affiant thinks) they were again called upon and marched under the said Marcus Calamees to Richmond in the said State of Virginia – not far from this place (Richmond) he received general orders from General De Marcus [sic: Marquis de Lafayette, often called “The Marquis”] – then commander of the forces near Richmond – he this affiant was here put upon the lines under Capt George and Colonel [Sampson] Matthews, he was in this service about 3 weeks when he returned to his former company and officers – he this affiant remained in this vicinity untill the expiration of his tour when he was discharged & he this affiant was eleven days in returning home, having been detained from home by the engagement upward of two months I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity excepting the present and declare that my name is not on the pension rool of the agency of any State.

Interrogatories

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Lancaster County in the state of Pennsylvania on the 28th day of August AD 1763

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

Ans. I have no record of my age.

3. Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolution and where do you now live

Ans. I lived in Frederick County, Virginia when called into the service where I lived untill about the year 1787 when I removed to Berkley Co. [sic: Berkeley County] in the state of Virginia where I

remained until the year 1806 or 1807 when I removed to Belmont Co. in the State of Ohio where I lived about 3 years when I removed to Highland Co in the said State of Ohio since which time a part of the said Co of Highland has been erected into a new Co called Fayette where I now reside.

4 How were you called into the service? were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I refer to the body of this declaration for the answer to this question. I cannot recollect the name of the man for whom I was a substitute when one

5 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I never received anything more than a verbal discharge

6 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

Ans; De Marcus was general. I recollect that there was one major Meary[?] with the regulars at or near Jamestown

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for good behavior and as to your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. Elijah Harbour – Robert Eyer – James Morris

I know of no one who can testify as to my services [signed] George Beniger

NOTE: Beniger's claim was not allowed, as he did not perform at least six months service. A document in the file states that "George Binegar Senr" died on 27 March 1837 leaving George Binegar, Sarah Gregory, Samuel Binegar, and Mary Stinson as the only surviving children. On 24 June 1854 George Binegar and Samuel Beniger (as they signed) gave power of attorney to prosecute the claim of "George Binegar Sen'r" for a pension.