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Pension Application of William Berkley (Bartlett) S12964

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State of Kentucky, Clarke Circuit, Clarke County, Sct.

On this 26th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Clarke Circuit Court held in and for said County, now sitting, William Berkley alias William Bartlett a resident of the County aforesaid, in said state, aged seventy seven years on the seventh or seventeenth day of January last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven – that he enlisted with Charles Porterfield as Captain, and in the eleventh Regiment of Virginia troops then commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan – that he never was enlisted but one time and he was discharged in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia in the year 1781 after or about the month of October in that year – that he was enlisted in Loudon County aforesaid, about the month of February 1777 and was marched to Winchester in Virginia in March 1777, where the troops were rendezvoused, and they left there about the 25th day of said last mentioned month and were marched to Philadelphia and there inoculated for the small pox – that he received his discharge from Genl Daniel Morgan in Loudon County aforesaid and has lost his certificate of discharge and he states that he served from the time of his enlistment to the time of his discharge aforesaid as a private soldier in the army of the United States and that he was enlisted for three years or during the war – that said Porterfield was a Colonel before the termination of the war. that from Philadelphia we marched to Bon Brook [sic: Bound Brook, NJ] where was detached to the rifle regiment commanded by said Morgan, in Capt Gabriel Long's company – that said Long had [illegible word] in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County, Virginia. I was in the battle in New York where Genl. Burgoyne was taken [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] and Genl. [Horatio] Gates commanded the American troops and in that Battle the Lieutenant of my company of the name of Hamoon[?] (who had lived in Culpepper County aforesaid) was killed, that at the time of my enlistment I was living in Loudon County aforesaid – James Wright of Fauquier County was afterwards Captain of the same Company in the place of Capt Long – and under said Wright we were marched to Charleston in South Carolina, and Major [Thomas] Posey commanded the regiment after said Morgan's promotion to the office of General [13 Oct 1780]. I was in Charleston during the siege, was wounded and taken a prisoner [probably at the surrender, 12 May 1780] and continued a prisoner about fourteen months. I was at Monmouth when the battle was going on [28 Jun 1778], but our Regiment (I mean Morgan's) was not engaged in it. I was in a battle in the Genessee Country with the British & Indians under Gen'l. Sullivan [John Sullivan, possibly attack near Genesee River in NY in Aug 1779].

I was born on the 7th or 17th day of January 1755 in Ferderick [sic: Frederick] County State of Virginia, as I have always been informed by my mother who is now dead. I have no record of my age and never had or knew of such record.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

And he further states that his father William Berkley died in Loudon County aforesaid – and that this declarant could never write and was but an indifferent reader. He states that his name on the Roll of soldiers may be written William Bartlett, as his father's name and that of his descendants in the mail line is some times written Bartlett some times Berkley and some times Barclay and pronounced some times in one way and some time in the other that he now writes his name Berkley but even now in this state he is as often called Bartlett as Berkley – and some of his brothers and their descendants write their names Bartlett and others and their descendants write their names Berkley – so that he cannot now say whether

his name will be found on the roll as William Berkley or William Bartlett or William Barkley.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Signed William hisXmark Berkley