Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Berkley S12990 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky

Scott County Sct.

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court of Scott County now sitting John Barkeley a Resident of said County and State aforesaid aged about seventy 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 7th June 1832. that during the revolution he lived in the County of King George Virginia; he was born in s'd County & State 20th Nov.[?] 1763. that he has no record proof of his age he is now 60 [sic] years of age or near it. that he was engaged between two & three years as a minute man of the militia to guard the shores of the Potomac ag't the invasion of the enemy during the Revolution & his depredations; that he can not say positively how long he actually served within the whole time but besides keeping always in preparation, & the constant interruption of business he can with safety declare that he actually served six months. that during the whole Period of between 2 & 3 years he was under constant orders for service as aforesaid. He thinks he commenced his first service in Feb. or April 1781 & served as aforesaid till 1782. He served all the time under Col John Skinker of same County & under Col Robert Stith – that he Served under Capt Wm. Pifer [William Pifer] except at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] - that besides the minute service now discribed aforesaid he served a tour of a month at the Siege of York. He aided in the Capture of Cornallis [sic: Cornwallis] in Oct. 19th 1781. He served under Col Campbell he does not know his given name [William Campbell] he was told he was a regular officer but he was a stranger to him – his Capt was Robt Yakes [Robert Yates] a militia capt of the s'd County & State with himself.