Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Goldsberry S2242 VA
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State of Ohio }

Ross County } ss On this 10th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Frederick Grimke Presiding Judge and Isaac Cook, James McClintick and Samuel Siscavage associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for said County, now sitting, John Goldsberry a resident of Concord Township in the County of Ross and state of Ohio, aged seventy four 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 June 7th 1832.

That from information received from his parents, he was born in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County, Virginia, on the 7th day of February 1758.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States at Keyses ferry in Virginia in the year that Corn Wallace was taken prisoner in the Revolutionary War [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], under Capt. John Roy [possibly Beverly Roy], Lieut. Bedinger & Ensign Jordan in the 1st Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Gen'l. Anthony Wayne [see endnote], for a term of eighteen months – that he inlisted in the spring of the year, and joined the army, and was in several small skirmishes with the British thro the summer in different places in Virginia, and in the fall was in the Battle at Little York [sic: siege of Yorktown] in Virginia when Corn Wallace was taken prisoner, with his army – he was then marched into Albamarl Baracks [sic: Albemarle Barracks] into winter quarters, where he spent the Winter, in the following spring he was marched to Savanna [sic: Savannah] in Georgia, under the same Officers; that when his eighteen months had expired he was press'd to continue in the service, and remained in the army under the same officers, untill the close of the War, when he received a discharge from his Captain - that while he was at Savanna he was in one battle with the British and one with the Indians in that Vicinity – That his discharge has been lost or mislaid so that it cannot now be found, that he has no documentary evidence of any of said services; but that Thomas Clawson and Teady Gouldsberry have some knowledge of his said service, whose depositions will accompany this declaration. That after he returned home to Berkley County, Virginia, he resided there till the year 1809 when he removed to Ross County in the state of Ohio where he now lives. 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

Sworn to and subscribed the year and year [sic] aforesaid.

John hisXmark Goldsberry

NOTES:

Gen. Anthony Wayne was from Pennsylvania, but the 1st Virginia Battalion was attached to his brigade. Under Wayne the 1st Virginia Battalion was engaged in a skirmish with the British at Harris's Bridge, Ogeechee Ferry GA on 20 May 1782 and in a skirmish with Indians at Ebenezer GA on 23 June 1782.

Teady Goldsberry (as he signed) stated that he had heard John Goldsberry's father say that he had enlisted in the regular service at Keyses Ferry when he was about 17. There was no statement by Thomas Clawson.