Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Aaron Belvin S37759 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 22 July 2017.

I Aaron Belvin of Gloucester County in the state of Virginia do Solemnly Swear on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, That some time in the month of February in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six I enlisted in the Continental Service of the United States in the Seventh Virg'a Continental Reg't under Capt Charles Tomkies [W6304], that some time about he latter end of 1776 or the begining of 1777 I marched to the Northward and Joined the Continental Army (as well as I recollect) at a place Called Middle Brook [Middlebrook NJ] and Continued in the said Continental Service until February One thousand Seven hundred & seventy eight when I was legally discharged by Order of Brigadier Gen'l [William] Woodford at a place Called Valley forge in the state of Pennsylvania which discharge I expect is among the Archives of the State, as I cannot find it nor a duplicate. And I pray the relief of my Country [4 May 1818]

Virginia Gloucester County to Wit.

Personally appeared before me James Semple a Judge of the General Court of Virginia, and Judge of the Superior Court of Law of the County of Gloucester, Aaron Belvin this 22nd day of may 1818 and in order to obtain the provision of the Act of Congress passed at the last Session, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War and being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, did declare and say that some time in the month of February in the year 1776 he enlisted in the Continental Service of the United States in the 7th Virginia Regiment in a Company Commanded by Capt. Charles Tomkies for two years, and served in the said Corpse in the 7th Regiment Commanded by Colo. Dangerfield [William Daingerfield (Dangerfield) VAS256] On Continental establishment, that some time about the latter end of 1776 or the beginning of 1777 he marched to the northward & joined the Continental Army (as well as he recollects) at a place called Middle Brook, that he was at the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Darby Town & several others, that he continued to serve till some time in February 1778 when he was legally discharged at the Valley Forge by order of Brigadier Gen'l. Woodford, that he served two years the time for which he enlisted, that he has no other Evidence of his services in his power. That he is upwards of 64 years of age. That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support.

I do here by certify, that Aaron Belvin enlisted in Capt. Charles Tomkies Company in the 7th Continental Reg't Regiment commanded by Colo. William Dangerfield, as a soldier, & that he the said Aaron Belvin engaged in the in the said Regiment, in the month of February 1776 & continued in the said Continental Service & was discharged at the Valley Forge in the month of February 1778.

Given under my Hand this 22^d day May 1818

Jas. Baytop [James Baytop S37701] late Capt. in the 7th Virg'a Continental Reg't.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Gloucester County personally appeared before me (William K Perrin Justice for the aforesaid County). Anthony Smith and made Oath that Aaron Belvin of the said County was a Soldier in Cap'n Jno Thrustons [John Thruston R18489] Company of Volunteers and continued in Service as a good and faithfull Soldier untill he went in service in the Continental Regiment. Given under my hand this 26 day May 1819.

Gloucester County. personally appeared before me (Wm K Perrin Justice for the aforsaid county) William Pippin and made oath that Aaron Belvin of the said County was a soldier in Cap'n Jno Thruston's Company of Volunteers and continued in service as a good and faithful Soldier untill he went in service in the Continental Regiment. Given under my hand this 26 Day of May 1819.

Gloucester County Virginia

This day personally appeared before me Thos B Fox a justice of the peace for the aforesaid county Harry Hughes [Henry Hughes BLWt1082-150] who made oath that he served with Aaron Belvin in the continental Redgiment Commanded by the following Officers Colo. Wm Daingerfield Lieut Colo. Alexander McCineham [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033], Major Wm Nelson [William Nelson VAS377] Cp'n Charles Tomkies Lieu'ts James Baytop & Thomas Buckner Ensign Sam'l Eddins [possibly Samuel Eddins BLWt683-300] into which he enlisted in February 1776. given under my hand & seal this 5th day of August 1823.

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