

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

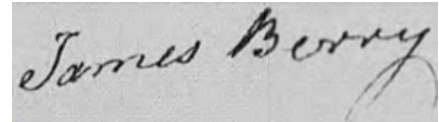
Pension Application of James Berry S39984

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Pennsylvania
Cumberland County Ss.

On this fifteenth day of April 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County, personally appears, James Berry aged sixty eight years & three months resident in East pennsboro township in the said County of Cumberland, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act, to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said James Berry, enlisted on the 17th day of February 1776 in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Percival Fraser [Persifor Frazer] fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Regulars, commanded by Col. Anthy Wayne [Anthony Wayne]; that he continued to serve in said Corps in the service of the United States, untill the Revolt [see endnote], at which time the term of his enlistment expired, when he this deponent immediately afterward enlisted in Captain John Davis's Company 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Regulars commanded by Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead], and continued in said Regiment untill the conclusion of the war when he was discharged by Gen'l. [Richard] Humpton from service in the year 1783 in the City of Philadelphia, that he was at the Battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island VA, 6 Jul 1781], Siege of York Va [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & several skirmishes with the enemy. That from the time he first enlisted, untill he obtained his final discharge was almost eight years, that he sent his discharge to Phil'a by a Gentleman to obtain his land for him, that he never received his land nor had his discharge returned to him, Deponent further saith that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Berry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Cumberland County Ss
State of Pennsylvania

On this 20th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for the County and State aforesaid James Berry aged upwards of seventy years, resident in the County and State aforesaid who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted the 17th day of March 1776 in Capt Percival Frazers Company the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment Commanded by Con'l Anthony Wayne for one year and he then enlisted in 1777 and served untill 1781 And then enlisted the third time for during the war in the first Pennsylvania Regiment and served in that Regiment untill the conclusion of the war and then was discharged at Philadelphia by Gen'l Rich'd. Humpton and that the date of his original declaration is the 15th day of April 1818 and that the number of his pension certificate is three thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

one old Beuroe one old ten plate stove 2 old iron pots six old windsor chairs one small pine table one pair old shovel and Tongs one pair old bellows's on old spade and one old axe.

No family residing with him Except his wife who is aged fifty three years and infirm. He follows no occupation not being capable by reason of old age and infirmities.

(Signed) James Berry

NOTE: On 1 Jan 1781 at Mount Kemble NJ 1300 Pennsylvania Continental soldiers mutinied after their officers insisted they had enlisted for the duration of the war rather than for three years.