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Benjamin H. Hayden

of Allegany Co. in the State of N.Y. —
who was a P. in the Company commanded
by Captain Brown of the Regt. command-
ed by Col. in the Virginia
Army at the time —

10. Mo. \$ 33.33

Invoiced on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of 33 Dollars 33 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day of March

1834, to the sum of \$11.75

Previous to the 1st of March 33 \$00.00
Government allowance owing \$11.75

\$11.75

{ Revolutionary Claim
Set June 7, 1832. S.

Recorded by D. S. Gray as Clerk
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State of Kentucky } Oct
Henry County }

Personally appeared before me William Macken Justice
of the peace in and for Henry County and one
of the judges of the County court of said
county Benjamin Laydon aged 84 years and after
being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath
make the following declaration in order to
obtain the benefit of the provisions of the
act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

This declarant states
in the year of 1778 when a draft was ordered in
said County for a term of six months and about
the first of March 1778 was called into the service
for the above stated period and was stationed
at Fredericksburg as guard to the magazine under
Captain Thomas Brown. William Laydon being sergeant
to the guard he states that he was constantly
and actively employed as a guard until the
latter part of the month of September 1778
when he was verbally discharged by his said
Captain Brown in Fredericksburg. His declarant
further states in the year of 1779 his father
William Laydon himself, old Blas Ballard and his
son Blas Ballard that now lives in Shelby
County came to Kentucky and got to horses
having some time in the month of April 1779
and some more in the month of May in the
year aforesaid Colonel Bonham prepared riding
some volunteers to go against the Indians at
the Chillicothe towns accordingly Colonel Bonham

and Captain Harrod succeed in raising a company of volunteers and he for one did turn out he states they left Harrodsburg about the first of June and proceeded across the river and went to what Lexington now stands and there under the command of Colonel Bowman they proceeded to build a block house in which they deposited some provisions it was then concluded upon for four or five men to stay at that place to protect the family of Captain Morgan ~~family~~ and to take care of the provisions that was deposited. There the army then under the command of Colonel Bowman proceeded on horses to the Chillicothe town where he as one was left to protect the family and to take care of the provisions where he states he continued ~~to~~ as a guard until some time in the month of August 1779 he thinks about the months of a half when he was suddenly discharged by his said Captain Harrod and went to Harrodsburg; this declares further that in the Spring of 1780 about the last of March he was stationed at Lexington and orders came to that place from General Clark who was then at Louisville for a company of men to be raised either drafted or turn out volunteer ~~accordingly~~ in order to meet Captain George's Company at the mouth of the Kentucky river which was to board a vessel to meet them at that place in order to protect the shores of the river and ~~accordingly~~ one Captain Patterson

did raise a company of about twenty men and that he as one did turn out as a volunteer and after the company was organised he then under the command of Captain Patterson left Lexington about the first of April 1780 and went on down to Brown's Lick where they remained a short time and Captain Patterson sent two men on down to the mouth of the River in order to see whether the boat had got up to that place on arriving at the mouth of the River and finding that the boat had not landed at that place they returned back to the Lick again in order to let Captain Patterson know that the boat had not arrived ~~at that place~~ Captain Patterson's company then remained at Brown's Lick a few days and then proceeded there march on down the river ^{place} to the mouth and on arriving at that they saw nothing of the boat they then continued at the mouth of the River until the boat came up to that place and after the boat arrived they were some times in board of the boat and sometime on land and after remaining there for a short time they proceeded to go up to the mouth of Licking but this river being

they did not succeed in getting up any
further than the mouth of the big lone
creek where they remained a short time
and then returned back to Lexington
by order of General Clark ~~naturalized~~
~~to Lexington~~ about the first of July when
he ~~passed~~ ~~that~~ 3 m
he was verbally discharged by his said
Captain Patterson this declarant further
states that in the month of ~~Sept~~ 1780
that General Clark ordered his regiment
up the Ohio river in order to prepare
for an attack on the Chillicothe towns
General Clark then issued an order
for some men to be raised to go and
meet his regiment at the mouth of
Licking accordingly one Captain John
Morrison raised a company of volunteers
as soon as Captain Morrison's company
was organized they then under the command
of Captain Morrison proceeded in their
wagon General Clark which junction
was formed at the mouth of Licking
and after crossing the river on the other
side where Cincinnati now stands they
proceeded to build a block house in which
they deposited their baggage they then
proceeded to march through the country
to the upper Chillicothe towns he states that
on arriving at said Indian towns that the
Indians made a small resistance and in the
engagement they killed some of the Indians

and took some prisoners he states that after remaining there for some time the army under the command of General Clark was ordered back to Cincinnati to the block house again where they then remained a short time when by order of General Clark Captain Moxon's company was ordered to go back to Lexington where he was discharged by his said Captain Moxon in December 1780 being in the service about four months this declarant further states that in the spring of the year of 1782 the Indians were frequently breaking in upon the settlements sometimes killing and some times stealing and plundering when Colonel Tod ordered Lieutenant Joseph Turner to raise a small company of volunteers to go down to Limestone to guard the trail that led from Cincinnati to Lexington when he the said declarant did turn out as a spy to go and guard said trail he states about the first of April 1782 Lieutenant Turner's company started from Lexington to said place it being the particular road that the Indians was in the habit of traveling up to the settlements the object of going on a spying expedition on this trail was to afford protection to the settlements he states he was constantly and actively employed about thirty days when he returned to Lexington and was dis-

by his said Lieutenant Turner he states that
he has no documentary evidence of his service
but independent of respectable testimony
evidence which he now affords, he is able
to prove by respectable living witness that
he did render apart of the service as is
alleged in the foregoing declaration he states
that from old age and bodily infirmity
he is unable to appear in open court
to make his declaration he here by relinquishes
relinquishes every claim whatever to a
pension or annuity Except the present
and declares his name is not on the pension
roll of the agency of any State

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24
day of May 1834. *Benjamin Haydon*
William M. Cade, J.P.

answers to the questions by the magistrate,
I was born in Spotsylvania County State
of Virginia in the year of 1760 and I
have no written record of my age at present
but ~~but~~ according to the best
information my parents gave me I was
born in 1760 and when I entered the
service of the United States I was living
in Spotsylvania ^{County} State of Virginia and
Stayed there until 1779 when I came
with my father and ~~if~~ two other relation
to Harrodsburg in Kentucky and I have

March 23, 1931.

March 1812 War Section
AWV:ILL

Mrs. J. O. Chaires
1416 East 31st Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 37972, that Benjamin Hayden was born in 1760 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

While a resident of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, he enlisted in March, 1778 and served until in September, 1778 as a private in Captain Thomas Brown's Virginia Company.

In 1779, he moved with his father, William Hayden, to Harrodsburg, Kentucky, which was then a part of Virginia.

While residing in said Harrodsburg, he served in the Virginia troops as follows:- from in June, 1779, two and one half months in Captain Harrod's Company, Colonel Bowman's Regiment; from in April, 1780, to in July, 1780, in Captain Patterson's Company, under General Clark; from in August, 1780 to in December, 1780, in Captain John Morrison's Company, under General Clark, and was in an engagement with Indians at Chillicothe Towns; from in April, 1782, as Indian spy for one month under Lieutenant Joseph Turner and Colonel Todd.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 24, 1834, at which time he was living in Henry County, Kentucky.

It is not stated that soldier was married.

Very truly yours,

E. W. MORGAN,
Acting Commissioner.