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Berry, Joel

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Kentucky

Joel Berry
Militia in the State of Kentucky
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Rogers of the regt. commanded
by Col Lewis in the Army of the
West for 2 yrs from 1775

Letter to Hon. C. H. Smith 3 Dec 1838.
Paid at the Treasury under the
Acts of the 11th April 1838 from
the 1st March 1838 to 4 Sept 1838
Age Note paid 1 July 1839

Paid as above from 4
Sept 1842 to 28 Feb 1843
Age Note paid 25 April 1845

Head

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of 80 Dollars — Cent per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 26th day of August
1833 — and sent to Hon. W.
M. Johnson. Gt. & inq.

Amount to the 1st of March 1833 \$ 160. —
Semi-ant. allowance ending 28 Feb. 240. —
\$ 200. —

Recorded by Wm. H. H. H. Revolutionary Claim, Act June 7, 1832. Clerk
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calling them together and drilling of them and teach-
-ing them camp duty his officers who was
Captain Joseph Rogers and Lieutenant William
Berry the declarants Brothers by Ensign he does
not recollect ~~of~~ ^{Public} their men that
there was waiting at the armory at Freder-
-icksburg, ^{Virginia} all the men that could be had
who understood how to work at any part
of the arms which was necessary for the use
of the troops arms being ~~at that time~~
very ~~much~~ ^{much} needed and that volunteers
were wanted to go there who would be
considered in actual service and receive
additional pay and that their services
would be more acceptable to the public
than in the ranks as they could not
fight without arms he does not recollect
the number of the Regiment to which he
belonged at that time nor any Colonel
or Major unless Colonel Stille of
Stafford commanded them he however
volunteered to work at the armory and
immediately in ~~the~~ latter part of the
year 1775 went to the armory and worked
at fixing Gun locks and received from
the public in continental money thirty
Six dollars per month and was not
called on during his services there ~~called~~
~~on~~ to perform any Militia duty except when
there was eminent danger when he would
volunteer to go ~~at~~ his services in the armory
being by the public deemed of too much
value to be interrupted as the arms was
more wanted than men he remained
in the armory working except when he volun-
-teered from the time he entered there in
1775 until ~~the~~ the middle of the year
1779 say about four years the armory was
managed or commanded principally by

Colonel Lewis (perhaps his Christian name
was Thelning but he is not certain) reported
by Alexander Dietz who usually prays
of the honors employed in the manager
now recollects. During his stay at the
armory he considered himself in the actual
service of his country and did several
times during his stay volunteered and
go out to meet the enemy when they
would ascend the Patomac River for
cross the country so as to threaten the
country with danger. During his stay at
the armory he marched as a volunteer to
a place on the Patomac River called Mollen
just below where Brant's house had been
a short time before burnt. His captain
on this occasion was named Garrett no
other officers now recollects he at another
time volunteered and marched to Blow
Jury on the Patomac River to watch the
enemy's shipping then in the Patomac
River his Captain on this occasion was
William Berry Brother to this declarant
and the same before spoken of as lieutenant
he having in the meantime been promoted
no other officers recollects he thinks that
he served other towers ~~recollects~~ at the armory
but cannot give the particulars nor name
any of his officers he however served
frequently during his stay but as he was
closely confined when at work in the
armory he recollects but little of the
officers as he had nothing to do with them
except when out nor does he recollect
the length of time he served at ~~any~~
on any of the occasions that he went out

Soon after he retired from the army, he removed to the county of ~~Frank~~ Hampshire Virginia and resided there one year during which time he was still held a minute man and marched down towards the year 1780 under the command of one Captain Brimly and one Ashbrook who were either a Lieutenant or Ensign no other officers now recollected he does not recollect the precise time of this expedition but he marched towards the head waters of the South Branch of the Potomac river to disperse a parcel of Tories that was said to be collected high up on the said South branch they dispersed however before they came up with them.

He always understood and disbelieves that he was in the actual service of the United States during his stay at the army or near as when he was in the camp & does if he is right he believes that he served at least ~~four~~ ^{five} years and if he is not right in that he believes that he did serve in the camp in his many expeditions at least twenty four months he having been engaged so long and closely in the army he does not recollect many of the General officers who passed and repassed through the State of Virginia but he does recollect to have seen General Washington and to either to have seen or heard of Generals Lay, Fayette, Stanton, Gates, Green, Stevens and Ennis but never was as he recollects with any of them nor does he recollect the number of any of the Regiments in which he served he never received any discharge

in writing but was as was then common
discharged by word of mouth from the
he was not in any battles during his service
captain. He was here some time in
the year 1754 in the country of King
George and State of Virginia which then
ran up the Rapahannock River above
Fredericksburg but on the opposite
side and lived in King George until
he moved up the country as before stated
say until 1780 and remained one year
where he then moved and then moved
to Fredericks county Virginia and
remained there about two or three
years and then removed to Mason
county Kentucky where he resided
about fifteen or twenty years when
he removed to Pendleton county State
of Kentucky where he has resided
ever since and does now reside.
~~There was a record of his age in an~~
old family bible at his father's in
Virginia but he does not know what
has become of it he has not seen
it for thirty or forty years and
thinks it is lost as he left it at
his father's in Virginia which is the reason
he cannot say what day or month
he was born he not recollecting any
thing except the year he has no
records evidenced of his services nor
does he know of any living person that
has any knowledge of his services by whom

by whom he can prove them they having
all died or removed to parts unknown
He ~~hereby~~ ~~declares~~ ~~and~~ ~~refers~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~certificates~~ ~~below~~
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever
to a pension or annuity ~~until~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~present~~
and declares that his name is not on the
pension roll of the Agency of any State
Sworn to and Subscribed ~~by~~ Joel Berry
the day and year aforesaid

We Andrew M. Kirta Clergyman residing in
the county of Pendleton and State of Kentucky
and George McLaughlin Braxton Pollard
residing in the same county and State
hereby certify that we are ~~well~~ acquainted
with Joel Berry who has subscribed and
sworn to the above declaration; that we
believe him to be seventy nine years old;
that he is reputed and believed ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
neighbourhood where he resides, to have
been a Soldier of the Revolution
and that we concur in that opinion
Sworn to and Subscribed } And M. Keith
the day and year aforesaid } Geo. McLaughlin

Braxton Pollard

And the said court do hereby declare
their opinion after the investigation of the
matter and after putting the interrogatories
prescribed by the war department that
the above named applicant was a Revolu-
tionary Soldier and served as he states
And the court further certifies that
it appears to them that Andrew M. Kirta
who has signed the preceding certificate is
a Clergyman resident in the county
of Pendleton and State of Kentucky and
that George McLaughlin Braxton Pollard

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

May 8

1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of *Col J Berry*
Randolph County North Carolina

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
<i>draft 1775</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>Minute</i>	<i>man</i>	<i>Capit No 1000</i>	<i>Col Smith</i>	<i>79 years</i>	<i>Traditionary</i>
	<i>North Carolina</i>			<i>Col Stevens</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	<i>Evidence</i>
							<i>Residence</i>
							<i>Authentic etc</i>

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Kentucky
Pendleton County

On the first day of July 1833 personally appeared before the Justice of the County Court of Pendleton Joel Berry a resident of the County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth for the purpose of amending his declaration made before this court on the 1st day of March 1833 and which declaration has been on to the now department and returned as for amendment deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot ~~swear~~ positively swear as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: In the year 1775 he was drafted in the Militia of Virginia as a minute man and served as such six months and as a private. In the year 1776 three months under the command of Captain ~~Carroll~~ and a short time stationed at Mollen in Virginia on the Patomac River. In the year 1777 he served as a forerunner three months under the command of Captain Williams Berry (brother to the delarant) and a part of the time stationed at Rowes ferry on the Patomac River Virginia. In the year 1778 he served as a forerunner and under the same Captain three months does not recollect any station in the

year 1779 he served as a private for 30 months under the
same Captain three months and was stationed
at King George's court house to guard prisoners
of war. In the year 1780 he served six months
and was under the command of Captain Drury
and one Ashbrook who was ~~at~~ Lieutenant of
Engine he marched this time ~~to~~ ~~the~~
in pursuit of some ~~troops~~ ~~to~~ be collecting
high up on the South branch of the Potomac River
and was stationed some time at ~~the~~ ~~place~~ ~~in~~
in Staffordshire county Virginia to keep the Tories
in awe. In the year 1781 he served six
months under the command of Captain Davis
and Lieutenant Redman in this office collected
and was stationed at Winchester Virginia to
guard prisoners of war in all of the above service
he was a private soldier and in all that
he can now state two years in camp irregularly
called out and an actual service in the Revolu-
tionary army. But in addition to the above
service in camp he was in the latter part of
the year 1775 and soon after he was drafted as
a minute man detached with his own consent
as an artizan to work in the public armory at
Annapolis ^{State of Virginia}burg and did there and work
at filing or making gun locks for the use
of the army in said year four months and
in the year 1776 he worked as aforesaid and at
same place nine months and in the
year 1777 he worked as aforesaid and at same
place same months and in the year 1778
he served as aforesaid and at the same place
nine months and in the year 1779 he
served as aforesaid and at the same place
six months so that it ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~seen~~ ~~that~~
he served in the armory as an artizan ~~and~~ ~~in~~
the actual service of his country three years and
one month and two years in camp making
in all five years and one month while at
the armory he received thirty dollars per month in
continental money and was commended by

Colonel Lewis at the army and in camp he
does not distinctly recollect but thinks he was
commanded by Colonel Stibb. The above state-
ments together with the statement of his
original declaration is all that he can now
recollect owing to his age and consequent
loss of his memory before stated and for
such services as the aforesaid ^{said} Joel
Berry claim a pension under the act of
Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Sworn to and subscribed
the day and year aforesaid } Joel Berry

State of Kentucky }
Pendleton County } set.

W. C. Kennett, clerk of the Court of the County of
Pendleton, do hereby certify, that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the said Court
in the matter of the application by an amended
declaration of Joel Berry for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal of office, this
first day of July A. D. 1832.

W. C. Kennett, clerk.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

March 6th, 1845.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled, "An Act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," and the third section of the Act of August 23, 1842, extending the time within which pensioners may receive their pensions from the pension agents, The daughter of Joel Berry, decd - a Pensioner on the Roll of the Kentucky Agency, at the rate of Eight Dollars and Cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept. 1842, to the 28th Feb'y 1843.

Respectfully, yours,

Wm. H. Parker

Comptroller.

To the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

Present.

May 1, 1933

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Joel Berry-S.30265
BA-J/ATF *awf*

Mrs. J. Frank Brown
6253 Van Buren Street
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of the Revolutionary War pensioner, Joel Berry.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.30265, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Joel Berry.

He was born in the year 1754 in King George County, Virginia; the names of his parents are not stated.

Joel Berry, while residing in said King George County, served from 1775 as private at various times in the Virginia troops, under Captains Joseph Rogers, Garrett, William Berry (soldier's brother), Colonel Stith. He also served at various times in the Armory at Fredericksburg, Virginia, under Colonel Fielding Lewis, served until in 1780, when he moved to Hampshire County, Virginia, and served under Captain Brunty and Captain Davis. He served a total of fifteen years and one month.

He moved from Hampshire County, Virginia to Frederick County, Virginia and lived two or three years and moved to Masch County, Kentucky, lived fifteen or twenty years, and then moved to Pendleton County, Kentucky.

Joel Berry was allowed pension on his applica-

tion executed March 4, 1833, then a resident of Pendleton
County, Kentucky.

In 1838 the soldier, Joel Berry, had moved to
the state of Indiana. He died February 28, 1843, leaving
a daughter, her name is not given. The name of his
wife is not shown and there is no other reference to
children.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator