

SERVICE

*Va.*

NUMBER

*Perry Benjamin*

*S. 30644*

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Kentucky

Benjamin Perry  
of ~~Franklin~~ in the State of Kentucky  
who was a private in the 6th command  
by Captain ~~Levy~~ of the 1st command  
by Col ~~Wardlaw~~ in the Virginia  
line for 1 year & 7 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of 63 Dollars 53 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 30 day of October  
1832 and 76 on Roll  
John West Covington

Arrears to the 1st of Sept 1833  
Semi-ant. allowance ending March 31. 61  
\$190.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *D. M. Boyd* Clerk  
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State of Kentucky  
Henry County

Be it shewn that on this 17th day of September 1862  
I appeared before William McBratton a Justice of the Peace in and for  
said County of Henry and one of the Justices of the Henry County Circuit  
Benjamin Dancy a resident of the said County of Henry and State of Kentucky  
aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on this day  
make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of  
Congress passed June 7th 1862

That he entered the service of the United States of the following named officer and  
served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Spottsylvania  
County in the State of Virginia he did on the day of April in the  
year 1781 do with as he remembers he entered the service of the United  
States as a drafted Militia man and private soldier in the company of  
Captain Jagg upon a tour of six months and served as such during  
the whole of his tour that he subsequently with his company at  
Fredericksburg Va. and was there joined to the Regiment of Colonel  
Hawlow and was attached to the Regiment of General Keadar and was  
marched from there and joined the Army under General Lafayette near  
the Horse Shoar part of the Potomac River that he continued with  
the Army of General Lafayette under his said officer during the whole  
of that celebrated Campaign and partook of its dangers to wit  
and difficulties that the operations of the American Army were  
directed against that of the British under Lord Cornwallis  
and he was finally driven to settle York that General Washing-  
ton and the troops with him joined the troops in Virginia under  
Lafayette and the whole Army marched down to settle York  
and commenced the Siege of that place and proceeded to  
settle Cornwallis and the Army under his Command sur-  
-randed this declaration was made with the Army and affixed to its  
operations from the time of his said entry into the service un-  
-til the expiration of his said tour of duty he was present &  
assisted at the Siege of York and witnessed the Surrender of  
the British Army and soon after that event his term of ser-  
-vice having expired he was discharged and returned home  
I recollect upon this tour to have seen General Lafayette Major  
Shuman and Col. James Smith of the regular and know that  
I recollect General Mendenhall and Col. White of the Militia  
the further State and declare that soon after his return home

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from his above named town that is to say in the month of November  
1781 as well as he remembers he moved from Spottsylvania county  
to the present state of Ky. and sometimes in the month of December  
in the same year landed at Bryan's Station - that he continued at  
said station during the balance of the winter that is to say from  
the month of December 1781 to a part of the harvest of the year  
at that place till the month of April 1782 constituting a period  
of not less than three months which time he served in said  
post faithfully under Capt. Gray as a private volunteer and  
deems that the country was a frontier one and the Indians very troublesome  
He further states and declares that in the month of April  
1782 as well as he recollects he entered the service of the United  
States as a private volunteer Indian Spy upon an engagement  
for some months under Capt. Beatty that he was at the post  
at Bryan's Station at the time he entered the service against  
the Indians as a spy upon this last engagement - that he contin-  
ued in the service as such during the whole period of his  
said engagement actually and actively employed as such  
that his duties as such under his said engagement required  
him to range an extensive tract of country including the  
present counties of Fayette, Clark, Rowson, North Franklin &  
Harrison, - that he was frequently at Bryan's Station, Nelson's  
Station Stroud's Station and Brown's Station - he states that he  
was not engaged in any skirmish of note or importance  
with the Indians during the period of his engagement in  
the service upon this tour but that he was in service eight  
months - He states that he served out the full term of his said  
engagement actively and faithfully -

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He states that he served upon many small parties &  
serving parties in the year 1783 but he does not recollect the par-  
ticulars of them with sufficient certainty to attempt their details  
but he is confident and certain from his present best recollection  
that he did not serve up, during the spring and summer of 1783  
than three months in scouting and serving parties against the  
Indians -

He states that he is growing old and is so infirm that he  
cannot attend court to make his declaration but through his  
memory from age and infirmity is greatly impaired yet he  
thinks he can safely say and he is positive from his present

best recollection that he did not serve up during the revolution  
more than six months as a drafted militia man 3 months as a  
private volunteer soldier in the fort at Bryan Station 7 months as  
an Indian spy in 1782 and three months upon scouting and  
spying parties in 1788 making in all 19 months service for  
which he claims a pension

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he  
knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can  
testify to his service

He barely relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension  
or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not  
on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Benjamin B. [unclear]

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said  
William McBrackin Justice of the Peace and member of the  
Henry County Court at aforesaid

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Spottsylvania County Va in the year  
1752

2. Have you any record of your age and of so where is it?

Answer I have a record of my age at [unclear] Pa

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have  
you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now  
live?

Answer I was born in Spottsylvania County Va when I entered  
the service upon my first tour by the month of Dec 1781 and  
as I remember I moved to Va to the present County of Henry where  
I lived during the remainder of my service and there I continued  
to reside for a short time after the war and then I moved to  
the present County of Woodford where I continued to live till  
the year 1803 at which as I recollect and I then moved to Henry  
County where I have lived ever since and still live

4. How were you called into service, was you drafted did  
you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute  
for whom?

Answer I was drafted on my first tour upon all my  
other service I was a volunteer

5. He states the names of some of the regular officers who were  
with the troops when you served such continued I submit

reprints as you can recollect and the general circumstances  
of your service?

Answer I recollect Genl. Washington, Lafayette, Augustus  
and Col. Miles and Grand who I believe were regular officers  
I recollect Genl. Mudd, Lawson and Col. White and Brinson  
and Col. Logan and Poon who I think was militia officer

My first tour was performed in Virginia in the Army of  
Genl. Lafayette in the celebrated Campaigns against Cornwallis  
and I was with the Army during the whole of it and assisted  
in the capture of Cornwallis and was present at the time he  
surrendered and witnessed the whole transaction. My other

services were performed in Ky. against the Indians in the  
first at Pigeon Station in Wayne and in Wayne & Hancock  
parties - Most of which kinds of service I performed

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and  
if so by whom may it give and what has become of it?

Answer I recd. but one discharge and that was from my  
service as a drafted militia man in Va. which was signed by my Captain <sup>which was signed by my Captain</sup> and  
of the State the names of persons to whom you are known in  
your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your  
character for veracity and their belief of your service as a  
soldier of the revolution.

Answer I will name Charles Stewart and William  
McCrackin

sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Benjamin Perry

We Charles Stewart and William McCrackin residents of Henry County  
in the State of Kentucky hereby certify that we are well acquainted  
with Benjamin Perry who has subscribed and sworn to the above  
declaration that we believe him to be eighty years of age that he is  
reputed and believed 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 the day and year aforesaid

Charles Stewart  
Wm. McCrackin  
marks



*MMT*  
*S. 30644*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., *Nov. 6*, 19*22*

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
 for a statement of the military history of *Benjamin Terry*  
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
 information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-  
 sion on file in this Bureau.

| DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT. | LENGTH OF SERVICE. | RANK.             | OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED. |                | STATE.     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|----------------|------------|
|                                     |                    |                   | CAPTAIN.                                  | COLONEL.       |            |
| <i>Apr. 1781</i>                    | <i>6 mos.</i>      | <i>Private</i>    | <i>Legg</i>                               | <i>Hickson</i> | <i>Va.</i> |
| <i>Dec. 1781</i>                    | <i>3 mos.</i>      |                   | <i>Orde's</i>                             | ✓              |            |
| <i>Apr. 1782</i>                    | <i>7 mos.</i>      | <i>Indian Spy</i> | <i>Dudley</i>                             | ✓              |            |
| <i>Spring 1783</i>                  | <i>3 mos.</i>      | <i>Indian Spy</i> | <i>on many secreting parties</i>          |                |            |

Battles engaged in, *Siege of Yorktown*  
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Spottsylvania Co., Va. of Bryan's Sta. Ky.*  
 Date of application for pension, *Sept. 17, 1833. His cl. was cl.*  
 Residence at date of application, *Henry Co., Ky.*  
 Age at date of application, *Benjamin 75 in Spottsylvania Co., Va.*  
 Remarks: *It is not shown that he ever married.*

*(Dec. 1781 moved from Va. to Fayette Co., Ky. there short time, then to Woodford Co., Ky. till 1803 then to respectfully, Henry Co. Date of death not in Agency Book -*

Commissioner.