

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Cave S3116

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The State of Ohio Fairfield County Ss.

Court of common pleas Oct<sup>b</sup>. term 1832.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the court of common pleas for said county now sitting, Benjamin Cave, a resident of Perry township in said county, aged seventy two years, who being first duly affirmed, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He states that he was born in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county in the State of Virginia on the 15 June 1760 where he resided untill the war. Upon a call for Militia, he was drafted for three months and went out in a company commanded by Capt. James, or Charles Browning (he is not certain as to the Christian name) and Lieutenant Benjamin Pullen in a Regiment commanded by Col. Barber [sic: Ambrose Barbour]. They were march'd down to the lower part of the state, on James River, & were kept in that part of the state moving about from place to place untill they were finally discharged at Barnets Ford on the Rapadan [sic: Rapidan] River for this tour he received a discharge which was lost when his house was burnt.

In about fifteen days after his return home, there was a call for eighteen months men, He stood his draft, and was exempted for that time; but his brother John [John Cave] who was newly married, was less fortunate, and was drafted for that period of time. Finding him exceedingly unwilling to go, on account of his family, he, this affiant, took his place, and went as a substitute for him, without any reward therefor. He was placed in a company commanded by Capt. Henry Fields [probably Henry Field], in the Second Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Tolls [possibly Oliver Towles], and in which Major Jack Willis [John Willis] commanded a battallion. The british about that time were in the neighbourhood of Alexandria, & they were marched to that place. They had, at Caves Warehouses, a skirmish with the British. The 2<sup>d</sup> Regiment were on the Virginia shore of the Patomac, & the Maryland troops came to the opposite side when the British left that vicinity The British went to Hobs hole [sic: Hobbs Hole at present Tappahannock] to which place they followed them. They then went round to old Jamestown, & we went across to Fredericksburg & to Richmond. A few days before they got there [late April 1781] the British Light horse burnt Manchester, opposite to Richmond. They pursued them towards Jamestown, where they [illegible word] and turned on us – we retreated to Chesterfield Barracks. They pursued us & burnt the barracks at that place. We were reinforced and then pursued them to near James Town. We then retreated up to Powhatan – From that we returned to Cumberland, & crossed the river, he thinks, at Carters ferry [present Cartersville], where they fell in with and joined the regiment of Baron Steuben. We continued with him untill he, this affiant, was discharged at a point of land, that puts into the bay, not far from little york [Yorktown]. The name of the place he has forgotten. He returned home in June & Cornwallis was taken the October following [19 Oct 1781]. He rec'd. a discharge for that tour of eighteen months, which was also burnt in his house – He has no documentary evidence of his services & knows of no person by whom they can be proved, except his brother, who resides in Virginia and who was in the service with him.

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

In answer to the interrogatories he has already stated the time & place of his birth; He has no record of his age, that also was burnt, He has stated where he lived at the time he entered the service &

the officers under whom he serve & the gen'l. circumstances attending the same. He lost his discharges in manner aforesaid. He is a Minister of the Gospel in the Batist Church and has a very extensive acquaintance in said county of Fairfield and particularly with the members of that church and he would name the Rev'd. Sam'l. Carpenter & Wm. Gessell who can testify as to his standing & character. He removed from Virginia to North Carolina in the month of Aug't. before the capture of Cornwallis, to Gilford [sic: Guilford] County. From there he went to Campden [sic: Camden] district, in South Carolina. From that he removed back to Gilford, & from that in his old residence[?] in Virginia From that to Kentucky in 1794. From that to this county about 23 years ago – where he has ever since resided

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