



Obadiah Benge, FPA R743, 22Feb1843, DeKalb Co AL, age 79.

Enlisted at age 16 or 17 under Captain James Sheppard in Surry Co NC May1780, Fall 1780 marched for Kings Mountain. In Burke County, transferred to Captain White, McDowell because his brother was under Sheppard. Obadiah was WOUNDED. After the Battle his said brother being killed, was taken about 4 miles to the house of a distant relative where he remained about 3 months.

David Benge enlisted in Wilkes Co under Joel Lewis of Cleveland's Corps. He escorted the wounded to Dr. Dobson's at Quaker Meadows. FPA S38530 from Clay Co KY. Benge testified for Nathaniel Ayers of Laurel Co, George Morris of Rockcastle Co, Thomas Majors of Clay Co, and Isaac Loven of Garrard Co, David did not mention Obadiah or his brother.

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"He 1st belonged to a company of Captain James Sheppard which he joined in the month of May 1780 , for the term of nine months, when he entered the service he was between sixteen & seventeen years old, and was forced into the service by his step-father, John Fielder, as a substitute for one James Green, his said stepfather received from said James Green a horse, bridle & saddle for the same, He resided when called into service in Surry County in the State of

North Carolina. He remained under the said Captain Sheppard as a mounted man, scouting and ranging through the said County of Surry and the adjoining Country for the purpose of counteracting the operations of the Tories, until the fall of the same year, when he with his company was marched for Kings Mountain in the State of South Carolina, and on the way in Burke County in the State of North Carolina, they were joined by other troops for the same point, on meeting said troops in Burke County, he, was there by consent of the captains transferred to the company of **Captain McDowell or Captain White**, one being a Lieut and the other a Captain, but he is not now able to say which was Captain & which Lieutenant. This transfer was made on account of this declarant's having an older brother in the company to which he was transferred. Here his Colonel was Benjamin Cleveland, we were then marched to Kings Mountain, which this Declarant thinks is in South Carolina, and on their approach to Kings Mountain they were joined by other troops under Colonel Shelby and Colonel Campbell, and in October or November, he under Colonel Cleveland, went into the Battle of Kings Mountain. He was in the front rank, marched up a Hollow towards the enemy and the Battle began, and when this Declarant had his gun to his face for the 3rd or 4th fire, he received a wound in his right arm which entered near the body on the inside and near the body, the ball ranged back under his shoulder blade where it yet remains, and from which he is to a great extent has ever since been a cripple, after the Battle was over and on the following day, **his said brother being killed** in the same, this Declarant was taken to the house of a distant relative about four miles distant from the Battleground where he remained about 3 months. He never again joined the Army, his company being disbanded or discharged. He never obtained a discharge. He never had any Documentary evidence of his services, and he knows of no one, living by whom he can prove the same, but he will state a fact which was done in his favor. It is this, In 1791 as will be seen by the enclosed commission, he was made a Captain, in his neighborhood, and some 4 or 5 years afterwards, when he resigned the same the court martial made an order and presented him with an attested copy, the names of all the members of the Court being signed to the same. He, this Declarant being then about to remove to Davidson County Tennessee, or as it was then called Cumberland, in which it was stated among other things, "That he Declarant was a true Whig, a brave soldier and had been wounded in the Battle of Kings Mountain, and recommending him to all the good people of Cumberland as such" which paper he has lost or mislaid, he has not seen it for many years. He states as reasons why he has never before applied for a Pension that for the last twenty years and until the Cherokee Nation of Indians was sent West, he resided among them by permission of the head men of the Nation, and that he never until lately was properly advised of his privileges or rights to obtain the same. He hereby relinquishes every 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 before me this 23rd day of February A.D. 1843

S/ O. M. Bengé

S/ Polydore Naylor, Judge

Interrogatories:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Albemarle County Virginia cannot say in what year, but suppose it was in the year 1763.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I never had any.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Surry County in the State of North Carolina when called into the service, afterwards I remained in said County 14 or 15 years, when I removed to Davidson County Tennessee, where I remained some 8 years, thence I removed to what is now Franklin County Tennessee where I remained until 1814. I then removed to what is now Walker County in the State of Georgia, which was then in the limits of the Cherokee Nation with whom I obtained a permit to remain in order that I might teach them some of the arts of husbandry, I continued with them until a few years ago and when the people of Georgia drove them & me from our homes. I then removed to where I now reside in DeKalb County Alabama.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was forced by my step Father to be the substitute for one James Green

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I do not know who were regular officers and who militia, I knew Colonel Shelby, Colonel Cleveland & Colonel Campbell & Colonel Williams who was killed, Joel Lewis & Micajah Lewis were both wounded, cannot say they were regular officers. I believe the whole Army was made up a drafted man & volunteers. The circumstances of my service as I can now recollect them were, that I was forced into the service by my step Father, John Fielder as a substitute for James Green for the term of 9 months as a mounted man for the term of 9 months and continued in service until the Battle of Kings Mountain where I fall on foot & I believe all the mounted men did likewise.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never did, neither did I ever received any pay for the same.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Colonel Hugh P. Caperton, Col. Franklin Slaton, John Longacre Esqr. Doctor Hugh Pogue, Col. David Cawlfild & Alexander McCormac

S/ O. M. Benge

[fn p. 14: Jacob W. Gipson, a clergyman, George C. Benge & John Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 19: captain's commission in the Surry County, NC militia, dated June 3, 1791 and signed by Alex Martin, Gov.]

[fn p. 8: family record]

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Patessey Benge was Born September the 22 1786

Elsebeth Benge was Born June the 30 1788

W. B. Benge was Born March the 22 1790

G. C. Benge was Borne febuwary the 21 1802

Robart Benge was Born June the 1 1803

[fn p. 9: on July 21, 1852 in DeKalb County Alabama, Sarah Benge filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Obadiah Benge; that she was married to him in Franklin Tennessee by George Tubbs a magistrate she thinks subsequent to the year 1800; that her

husband applied for a pension in his lifetime; that he died in DeKalb County Alabama on the 23rd day of March 1846 without having been allowed a pension.]

Surry County Court Minutes Vol II

[p. 67] 2 Feb 1789

Obediah M. Benge, Esqr *qualifies at justice of the peace*

Deed Book F

[101] 10 Feb 1794 Obediah Martin Benge to John Fletcher, Patrick Co. VA, 150 pds, 155 ac, Yadkin River top ridge opposite Tumbling Falls Creek; s/Oba M Benge

Deed Book D

Micajah L. Benge, witness, 1 Sept 1787

Obediah Martin Benge, witness, 24 Dec 1788

Surry County Marriage Bonds (1750-1768)

Benge, Obadiah; Elizabeth Ware; 4 Aug 1787

Joseph Winston His Land Entry Book, 1778-1781

[682] John Fielder enters 100 acres of land; Sept 7, 1778; "Warrant granted to T. Benge"