

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Beatty (Beaty)W4894

Isabella

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

On this 20th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions now setting David Beatty a resident of the county of Iredell in the state of North Carolina aged Seventy one years who being first sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That in the Summer of the year 1780 he volunteered his services as a Substitute for his father Thomas Beaty [sic, Beatty] in a company of militia commanded by Captain Dixon—This company was to hold themselves always in readiness to march at a moment's Warning & were called minute men. Under this arrangement he served two tours of two weeks each under Dixon after which Dixon moved out of the bounds of the company and the applicant served two other tours of two weeks each under Capt. Huggins making altogether that Summer 2 months. That in the early part of the year 1781 Gen. Davidson proclaimed that whoever would enter the service of the country for the purpose of opposing the progress of Lord Cornwallis then in pursuit of Morgan should for six Weeks service be allowed for three months service, that he entered this corps as a volunteer under Capt Higgins and served six Weeks joining the army under Col. Williams at Beaty's ford [sic, Beatties ford] & was guarding the Tuckaseegee Ford at the time the British Crossed above. Applicant pursued in the rear of the British Army into Guilford County where he joined the army under Gen. Greene and was discharged about two days before the battle at Guilford Court house having served in this tour. This tour was in the [?] 1 1/2.

The next service was also in the year 1781. He entered as a volunteer in the horse under Capt. Locke for three months and joined the corps under Col. Locke and Gen. Rutherford on Little River in Rowan County and marched to Fayetteville (then called Cross Creek) and then to the east fork of Cape Fear [River] and marched & counter marched in the country near Wilmington which we entered at the time it was evacuated

by the British army and returned thence to Salisbury where he was discharged having served this tour _ and for this service he claims a pension.

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

He was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the fall of the year 1761.

He has a record of his age in a Bible in his possession.

He was living where he now does in Iredell County N.C. at that time Rowan [County] & where he entered the service & has lived there ever since.

He has stated above the manner in which he was called into the service & for whom he was a substitute.

He was under Gen. Greene in Guilford as stated above & has stated the general circumstances of his service.

He says he always obtained discharges but several of them were destroyed by accident and on for the six weeks tour signed by Capt Higgins was forwarded to the War department last February and supposes that it has been lost by some means. The other discharges were signed by the Captains that he has mentioned as serving under.

He says that this is no Clergyman in his neighborhood by whom he can prove his service and refers to William Falls Esquire & William Hargrove.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before A. Simonton Clk.

S/ David Beatty

[William Falls and William Hargrove gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

John Mushat Swears that he believes he mailed the declaration of David Beatty in February last directed to the War department and enclosed therein a discharge given to him by Capt. Huggins for six weeks service. \

S/ John Mushat

[fn p. 8: On February 24, 1853, Isabella Beatty a resident of Iredell County North Carolina, aged 74 years applied for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of David Beatty, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20.88 per annum; that she married him at the home of Robert Huggins in Iredell County North Carolina in September 1807; that her name prior to her marriage was Isabella Huggins; that her husband died October 17 1845; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: on February 24, 1853 in Iredell County North Carolina Rachel Beatty and Mary E. Beatty gave testimony that they are daughters of David and Isabella Beatty and that their father died on October 17 1845.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 8 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]