

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Beeler (Beelor, Bealor) S5277

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August Sessions 1832

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting, Jacob Bealor, a resident citizen of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to 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, to wit: that at an early period of the settlement of the County, he removed from the State of Virginia, Frederick County, to the frontier settlements of North Carolina, now Tennessee, west of the mountains as well as now recollected in the month of April 1770 and settled on the Holstin River [sic, Holston River] at which time the Indians were on friendly terms and so continued until the breaking out of the revolutionary war and the Cherokees, about the year 1775, began to deprecate upon the frontier inhabitants, and this declarant volunteered under Capt. William Buchwhannon [sic, William Buchanan?] to guard the frontier and act as a company of Rangers which service he entered in June of 1775, and continued until the month of January following, after the battle of Long Island and which was about seven months during which time he ranged the frontier & when not engaged in that duty was stationed until the arrival of Colonel Christy [sic, Col. William Christian] & his troops at the Long Island, and his company joined said Christy & descended the Holston River with him to the Chickamog [sic, Chickamauga] towns, in the Cherokee country & owing to part taking themselves to flight & others coming in & proposing a treaty, their property was saved from destruction at that time and the men under Colonel Christy returned again to the Long Island & declarant & others under Christy continued in service until after the treaty of Long Island in January being as before stated seven months service that he was then discharged (verbally) by Col Christy.

That he immediately afterward volunteered under Captain Elijah Robison [sic, Robinson?] to be stationed at the Long Island (inasmuch as but part of the Indians had treated & it was necessary to guard the frontier against the residue) he there continued for two months in that service and was dismissed. He again enrolled for a tour under Evan Shelby against the disaffected Cherokees for one month as a ranger and performed that duty on the Clinch River and was dismissed at the expiration of his month's service. Again in the month of July 1778, he was called upon to perform a month's service at Duncan's Fort own Clinch River which he performed and was dismissed.

Again in the month of August of the same year, he volunteered under John Carmack as Captain to go to McIntosh's Army stationed at Fort McIntosh; thence went to Muskingum river Fort Lawrence against the Shawnee & Delaware Indians and was dismissed by said Carmack [in]

Berkley County Virginia on the 26th February following which discharge he obtained for the term aforesaid being about seven months.

That in the year 1780 in August [he] was called upon to perform a tour of one month against the Indians under Colonel Kyle, in what is now called Hawkins County Tennessee which he performed.

That in September of [that] same year he volunteered under Captain John Pemberton in the Washington County North Carolina to go against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] in the South who it was understood was aiming to cross the mountains to the west; that Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] crossed over from the State of North Carolina to Gap Creek in North Carolina (now Tennessee) where Pemberton's company joined him and marched across the Yellow Mountain & marched to King's Mountain where they met Ferguson's Army on the aforesaid mountain, but before the march of the men, Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Campbell [William Campbell], Sevier [John Sevier] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] had joined McDowell and Col Campbell had the principal command at the battle of King's Mountain which resulted in the death of Ferguson and the total defeat & capture of his Army except those who might have run before the mountain had been surrounded by the American troops; that after the victory they marched the prisoners to Salisbury & delivered them to the militia there being about eight hundred in number which service was for three months and was discharged, verbally, by Colonel Shelby & returned home.

That in December following he volunteered under Captain Waring, under Cols Sevier, Clark [Elijah Clarke], Martin & Campbell to go against the Cherokee Indians on the night of the New Year they reached Chota on the other side of Little Tennessee & then on the 2nd January, 200 horseman went up the Chelhowway [sic?] to burn the Town & did so and were fired upon by the Indians on their retreat; thence [we] went down the River to Tellico & their a part of the Army was left at said place & the residue went to Chestua [sic?] & thence returned home having served about two months.


That afterwards he again volunteered under Col Martin in Captain Butler's company to go to the Lookout [Mountain] after the Chickamauga part of the Cherokees and performed about 2 months service at that time.

He again under Capt William Blair was drafted for a three months tour against the Indians in the Cumberland, the precise time not recollected, but shortly after his foregoing service and served out his term of three months having served in the whole twenty nine months in active and severe service as before stated.

That he has no documentary evidence nor is there any person whose testimony he can procure by whom he can establish his services except that stated in the annexed affidavits. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the role of any state nor is there any resident minister in his vicinity.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

S/Jacob Bealor


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Bealor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name "S/Jacob Bealor".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]

On the 22nd August 1832 personally appeared in open court Peter Hughs¹ & Edward Cox² who after first being duly sworn in open Court deposed & stated that they and each of them personally acquainted with Jacob Beelor the declarant in the foregoing declaration and Peter Hughs states that he was with the said Jacob Beelor both in the McIntosh & King's Mountain expedition set forth in the applicants declaration, which he has heard read & well knows that said Beelor served in both of said campaigns in the McIntosh to Ohio, for seven months and in the King's Mountain engagement against Ferguson for three months, & believes the services are correctly set forth by the applicant in both statements. Edward Cox was out in the expedition under Martin, Clark, Sevier & Campbell against the Chickamauga Indians of, the Cherokee Nation & he knows that his statement is correct as to that service which has been read to him. And that said Beelor was then in service for three months.

That the said Beelor is also reputed in the vicinity to have been a soldier as stated by him beyond that of these persons knowledge & they concur in that opinion. Sworn & subscribed in open Court.

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 Peter X Hughs (W.7823)
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 Edward Cox (Signature)



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Note:

Peter Hughs, U. S. Revolutionary War Pension record W.7823, which was filed on the same day as Jacob Beelor, is also seventy years of age. Jacob Beelor was the witness for Peter Hughs.

¹ [Peter Hughs \(Hughes\) W7823](#)

² [Edward Cox S3170](#)

Jacob Beelor and Peter Hughs were neighbors living on Beaver Creek which is a tributary of the South Fork of the Holston River and at the time of the pension applications had known each other since they were nine years old, some sixty + years.

And the said Court do hereby certify that it is their opinion after the interrogation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the Department of War that the above named applicant is seventy years of age and served as stated by him in his said declaration and it furthermore appears to said Court that Peter Hughs and Edward Cox whose affidavit was made in open Court and is attached to the foregoing declaration are credible persons and respondent citizens of said County and that their statement is entitled to full credit. furthermore that there is no resident Minister in the vicinity of the applicant all of which was ordered by the Court to be certified by the clerk a Judgement of said Court.

I, Richard Netherland clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Sullivan do certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the Court in the case of the application of Jacob Beelor for a pension. In testimony where of

I have set my
hand and offered my seal
of office this 22nd August 1832.
Richard Netherland Clerk
By G.W.Netherland D. Clerk