Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Beavers VAS2444

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I do hereby impower William Harrison to Settle the Balance of my pay due me for servics in the Virginia line from the 1st of January 1782 till I was Discharged, Given under my hand this 7th day of Mar 1785

John Brown

State of Virg'a. Prince Wm. [Prince William] County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the county afor'd. Patrick McCuen [Patrick McCuin (McQuin?) VAS1858, probably the same person as Patrick McEwing (McCuin, McEwin) R16267] a citizen of s'd County, aged 86 yrs in July next, and being first duely sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that he knew the following named Soldiers to wit John Beavers - Sam'l. Beavers [Samuel Beavers; probably Samuel Beaver VAS2442] – & William Beavers [VAS2320]. The s'd Sam'l. & William and also Benjamin Beavers [VAS2443] first enlisted under Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell BLWt2497-300] in s'd County for three years and afterwards they the s'd Sam'l. William & Benjamin enlisted for during the war at Middlebrook [NJ], & served faithfully thro' the war except William who died at Williamsb'g [Williamsburg] in the state of Virg'a. The above named Benjamin Beavers was a Sergeant in Cap. Thomas Ewells Company. William Beavers was a drummer in s'd Company. Sam'l. Beavers was a Corporal in s'd Company & they served in those stations respectively till discharged. The above named John Beavers was wagon master & served thro' the war. Affiant thinks he also enlisted in s'd Ewells Company & for three years and his impression at this time is that he also enlisted afterwards for during the war – but as he was wagon master affiant was not so well acquainted with him. Affiant was himself in the same service to wit in s'd Ewell's company and served thro' the war. And further this affiant states the above named men were brothers, and so far as he knows John was the only one that was ever married. They are all dead so far as affiant knows The all lived in Princ Wm. County.

And further deponent saith not.

Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of May 1834. Jno. Williams

To His Excellency, the Gov'r of Virginia.

Your memorialist John Beavers son, and one of the heirs of John Beavers dec'd respectfully represents that his s'd father as he is informed and believes, enlisted in the Va. Continental line in the Revolutionary War for 3 years, and after that period expired he reenlisted for the war in the year 1779 & continued to serve through the s'd war.

your memorialist for himself and in behalf of his sisters, Elizabeth Carrell[?], and Lydia Beavers of Prince Wm. Co. Va. pray that Virg'a land bounty according to the Act of Oct'r 1780 may be allowed, and warrants issued for the same. The will &c. John Beavers Jr. [District of Columbia, 2 Aug 1839]