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Bounty Land Warrant of Robert Beall BLWt431-300 Elizabeth Beall VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 27 June 2014.

[Robert Beale (BLWt263-300), author of the following letter, is not Robert Beall, subject of this transcription.] Sir Madison Virginia Dec'r. 5th 1801

A letter of yours addressed to Rich'd Fry and Churchill Gibbs has been handed to me to answer – being better acquainted with the circumstances. The Warrant [for bounty land] to which I was entitled for military services was as you mention assigned to Mr. Means in the year 1793 —

The seeming mystery that envelopes the officer is simply that there were at the conclusion of the War two Rob't Beales, who were Captains – of course entitled to the same quantity of Land. When I was first acquainted with the gentleman, who you say died in the year 1790 – he spelt his name Bele, but before the conclusion of the War he changed it to Beale [sic] – which created some little Difficulty in the final settlement of our accts with the U. States but that was easily done away being both then upon the spot – the Gentleman I have not seen since – he lived west of the blue ridge – You have made a mistake in the christian name of Fry – it is Reuben instead of Rich'd – both him & Gibbs are still living, and neighbours to me – I conceive you have little else to do than to examine the Muster Rolls of the year 1780 or 1781 or indeed 1783, which I suppose are deposited in the Office of War – and you will there find what I report, and shewing it to the proper Department for the settlement of that business – there can be little doubt of your obtaining the warrant you wish for — I am sir with every sentiment of Respect

Yr Obe't Serv't

Virginia Land Office 27th June 1803

It appears that on the 26th March 1783 a Warrant issued to Cap Rob Beall No 198 for 4,666b acres for his services from the 10th Feby 1776 to the 26th March 1783. Wm. Price Reg'r

I do Certify that I was well acquainted w'th. the late Captain Robert Beall, who belonged to the 8th Virginia Regiment, afterwards to the 13th and lastly to the 9th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. he was an officer of great merit, and I feel a confident persuasion that he was entitled to all the emoluments of an Officer serving to the end of the war. I can affirm that he was never disgraced, & firmly believe he did not resign. If he served to the end of the war he is entitled to the additional bounty of Lands from the State of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1803.

James Wood, formerly B. Gen'l Cont'l. Army.

Shelby County State of Kentucky March 5th 1808

I do hereby certify that Robert Beall entered into the Service of the United States as a Captain in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment at the commencement of the raising of said Regement, which was some time after the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] the 9th Regement, and at the close of the war was the 7th Virginia Regement. the said Robert Beall served in the said Regement with myself until about the year 1781 when there was an arrangement took Place in the army that turned out a number of officers as super[page torn; "supernumeraries"] which the said Beall was one, and I have been well informed that the said Robert Beall served one year previous to the raising of the said 13th Regement as a Lieutenant under Capt. John Stephenson which I believe marched to the South about the year 1775 or 1776— [John Stevenson, company raised in Augusta County, at Battle of Breach Inlet SC, 28 June 1776] Given under my hand the day and date above

John Winlock [pension application W3060] late Lieut 7th Virg'a. Reg't.

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I do Certify that I the Subscriber was married to the late Captain Robert Bealle (now Deceased) in the year 1781 & he then belonged to the United States army & that he was the same Captain Robert Bealle alluded to in the certificates of Presley Carr Lane Esq Genl Joseph Winlock & Doctor John Knight & that the aforesaid Presley Carr Lane & myself did administer on the Estate of the said Robert Bealle in the year 1789 in Fayatte county Pensylvania all of which is of Record in that office, and I furthermore certify that I had two children by him which are both living (Viz) Betsey Brook Bealle (who has since intermarried with Adam Steele) and Robert Bealle Given under my hand at Shelbyville Kentucky this 17 day of June 1808

[signed] Elizabeth Beall

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

I Certify that Robert Beall was appointed a Catain in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment on Continetal establishment in the latter part of the year 1776 and served in said Regiment until some time in 1778 or 1779 when the regiments were reduced in number by an arrangement which was made either by the Legislature or some other competant authority for that purpose, by which arrangement he was left out of service

Uriah Springer [R10017] late a Capt. in the 13th Virginia Reg't

Dec'r. 9th 1819 on Continental establishment

NOTES:

Fold3 has the papers of Robert Beall indexed under Robert Beale.

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, 1774-1787, on 16 Dec 1776 Robert Beall took command of a company raised in Yohogania County VA, now in Fayette County PA.

On 4 Mar 1800 Presley Carr Lane, Member of Congress from PA, stated that Betsey Brooke Beall was 17 or 18 years old, and Robert Beall was about 13.