

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Beard S2370

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State of Ohio, Ross County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas for said County, now sitting, William Beard a resident of Union Township in said County, aged Seventy one or Seventy two years, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r last, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832;

That from the recollection of information from his parents, together with information obtained from his indenture of apprenticeship (but lost or destroyed) he was born in Washington County in the State of Maryland, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r 1760 or 1761—where he resided till the commencement of the Revolutionary War. In May 1779 he left Maryland for North Carolina and from Rhoanne [Rowan] County in North Carolina in Decr. 1779 he was drafted, and entered the service of the United States in the Militia, on a tour of three months, under Capt. Wm Bell [William Bell] & Ensign Peter Forney<sup>1</sup> in Col. Hampton's [Andrew Hampston's] & Lt. Col. Hamright's [Frederick Hambright's]<sup>2</sup> regiment under General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] of the militia, commanded by Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] of the Regular Troops; from North Carolina, he was marched to Charlestown in South Carolina where he served his three months tour of duty, and was discharged on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1780 and returned to Lincoln County North Carolina; from whence, in June or July 1780 he again entered the service of the United States in the Militia, on a tour of three months, as a substitute for Adam Dukes of said County, under Capt. Wm. Armstrong [William Armstrong], and was attached to Major Armstrong & Col. Armstrong's Reg't in Genl. Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade of Militia, and commanded by Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] of the regular Troops; that he was at the Battle near Camden the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug't 1780 when Genl. Gates was defeated by Lord Corn Wallice [sic, Cornwallis] and General Rutherford being wounded and taken prisoner, his Brigade was broken up, and was not again organized until this deponent returned home. In Sept. 1780 he again entered the service of the United States in the Militia as a volunteer (against the Tories)

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<sup>1</sup> [Peter Forney W4955](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Frederick Hambright R4504](#)

under Lt. Hill<sup>3</sup>, and was attached to Col. Campbell's [William Campbell's] Reg't; he rendezvoused at the Cow Pens [sic, Cowpens], and was at the battle of King's Mountain on the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct'r 1780 where Major Ferguson with his whole Companies of Tories &c were all killed or taken prisoners except one man, and then dismissed and returned home having performed about a month's service.

In Dec'r of the year 1780 he returned to Washington County, Maryland, and again entered the service of the United States in the Militia, as a substitute for Christopher [illegible portion of last name, could be "Brandon"]berry, to guard the British Prisoners at Fort Frederick in Maryland, under Capt. Simmons, where he performed a tour of service of two months, with the detachment guarding the British Prisoners taken with Gen. Burgoyne.

From the State of Maryland he removed to the State of Virginia from thence to his present place of residence in the state of Ohio, where he has resided for twenty two years past—that he has no documentary evidence of the aforesaid facts and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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.

S/ William Beard, X his mark

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Beard" with "his mark" written below it. There is a small "X" mark above the signature.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1832

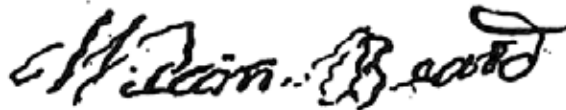
S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clk.

[John Jenkins, a clergyman, and Alexander Robertson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

#### The Application for a New Certificate

State of Ohio Ross County. On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Ross personally appeared William Beard, who on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain William Bell in the regiment commanded by Colonel Hampton of the North Carolina Militia in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Ohio; that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate, on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834, on the public road in Union Township in said County of Ross, he lost from his pocket, together with a one dollar note, and although diligent search has been made by him for it, he has not found it.

S/ William Beard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Beard".

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Patterson, J. Peace

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<sup>3</sup> There was a Lt. James Hill from Tryon County, NC at Kings Mountain, but whether or not this is the officer to whom the veteran refers, is not clear to me.

State of Ohio, Ross County.

Before me Peter Patterson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared William Beard who subscribed his name to the above affidavit, and made oath that he generally writes his name, although with a very trembling hand, but that when he made his Declaration, before the Court of Ross County, for the purpose of obtaining a Pension, he commenced to write his name as usual, but his hand shook so much, and also because he had no spectacles, that he could not write it, and therefore had to make a mark.

S/ William Beard

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834.

S/ Peter Patterson, J. Peace

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for nine months service in the North Carolina militia.]