Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Beaty S2989 Transcribed by Will Graves 7/5/06

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State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this the __ day of May 1834 before me Robert H. Richardson, a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Fentress State of Tennessee, personally appeared Andrew Beaty, a resident citizen of the county of Cumberland State of Kentucky living about three hundred yards in the edge of the Kentucky side of the State Line and being nearer to a Justice of the peace in Fentress County Tennessee than to a Kentucky Justice and being waited on by a man to transact his business and a Justice of the peace within his own neighborhood that lives in the Tennessee side of the State Line and he from extreme old age bodily and living nearer to Tennessee Justice than a Kentucky Justice and having the advantages of traditionary evidence in the Tennessee side are the reasons why he has his business done in the Tennessee side in Fentress County, he is aged seventy-four years, agreeable to his best information having no record of his age and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

He states he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in what was called Washington County Virginia sometime in the spring season of the year 1777 the precise time not recollected. He volunteered to serve a tour of three months as a private soldier under the command of Capt. William Asher and went on to Little Station on Holston River to guard the same and after continuing in service the full Term of three months, he was verbally discharged by his said Capt. and returned home.

He again volunteered and entered the service of the United States in said County of Washington in Virginia some time in the month of March 1779, the precise day of the month [not] recollected to serve a tour of three months as a private soldier under Capt. Abraham Bledsoe, and Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and marched off to the mouth of Big Creek which is in Hawkins County, Tennessee and there rendezvoused; from thence he went on with the body of Troops to the Chickamauga Towns and was finally discharged by his said Capt. by verbal order having served his full tour of three months and he returned home.

He again volunteered and entered the service in said County of Washington to serve a tour of three months as a private under Capt. George Maxwell and Col. Shelby. He entered said service in the year 1780 some short time before the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], the precise time not remembered and marched to the Sycamore Shoals on the Watauga River where the Troops rendezvoused; from thence he marched with the Troops across the Yellow Mountain and Blue Ridge into North Carolina and through a part of South Carolina on to King's Mountain and was in said Battle. After the Battle he was marched to Wilkes County North Carolina. We had taken prisoners in the Battle of King's Mountain and guarded them to Wilkes County where they were taken from us and put in the care of others. We were marched back home and again verbally discharged by his said Capt. having served out his full tour of three months. He has no written or documentary evidence of his service. He can prove things relative to his service by his younger brother Alexander Beaty who is about sixty-six years of age and recollects applicant's starting and returning from service. This is all the evidence he is now certain he can get. He is informed that a certain Robert Crockett with whom he served some in the War is now too infirm of body and mind to be a witness so that he knows of no other certain chance of getting any other evidence except that of the traditionary character. He states that he has no doubt but that he can prove his character for veracity and that he is reputed by his intimate acquaintance generally as having been a soldier of the Revolutionary War some of whom he will name: James Campbell, Esqr., James S. [illegible last name], William Chilton, John Snow and in fact by his neighbors generally. He states that there is no Clergyman immediately in his vicinity and is out of his power to procure one at this time with a reasonable diligence. He states he is in a low state of health and is unable to travel about or attend a court of Record or Transact any business. He was born in Pennsylvania; [he is] not certain [of] the county; then went where he lived when he entered the service which was first called Washington County Virginia, afterward when the line was run it was then Sullivan County which in now in Tennessee. The applicant continued to live in the county of Sullivan some years after the War until the year 1799 and then removed into his present neighborhood in Tennessee where he has lived ever since though it is a few hundred yards in the Kentucky side. He states that if would be to his advantage to be enrolled at the Nashville west Tennessee if his claim is granted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Andrew Beaty, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/R. H. Richardson, JP

State of Tennessee Fentress County

On this the 5th day of May 1834 before me Robert H Richardson a Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared Alexander Beaty a man of respectability and on oath He states. That he is sixty-six years of age, that he is the brother of Andrew Beaty who lives immediately in the neighborhood of him and designs applying for a pension, he states that he is the younger brother of the said Brother Andrew Beaty, he states that he distinctly recollects though he was very small that his said Brother returned home from service in the Early part of the Revolutionary War together with Thomas Cooper from Shelby's Fort, he recollects his said Brother returning from service after being at Chickamauga as he understood, he distinctly recollects crying at one time when his said brother entered the service he clearly recollects his returning from King's Mountain battle as he then understood from his brother and those that were with him. He recollects that his brother served under Shelby and Asher as officers, he has always known the neighborhood Tradition to be that his brother served as he is of anything, that he did not see, he is not certain How long his brother served.

Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of May 1834 before me S/ R. H. Richardson, JP S/ Alexander Bea

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[Jabez Dabney and James A. Summers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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