Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Beavers S30853

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State of Kentucky, County of Barren Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court for the said County of Barren John Beavers, a resident of the County of Barren in the State of Kentucky, aged seventy 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the army of the revolution in the yea 1780, with Capt. Barber or Barbour and served in the second regiment of the Virginia State line under the following named officers: Col. [Samuel] Hawes commanded the Regiment, Major Sneed [sic: Smith Snead] one of the battallions, Capt. Barber or Barbour the Company, and Mr. Gray and Mr. Tatum were the two Lieutenants, or one of them was the lieutenant & the other Ensign: That he resided in the County of Mecklenberg [sic: Mecklenburg] in the State of Virginia when he entered the service, which was for the term of eighteen months, the whole of which he served faithfully; that he joined the troops at Chesterfield Court House in Virginia and after remaining there a few days a party was detached, of whom he was one, to guard certain baggage waggons to Gen'l. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army in South Carolina – that he then marched to South Carolina & joined the army of Gen'l. Green at a place called Cheraw Hills on Pedee River [sic: Pee Dee River, Jan 1781], and served the remainder of his term of eighteen months under the said Gen'l. Green – that shortly after joining the troops at Cheraw, he retreated with the Army before Cornwallis, until they arrived at Hallifax Court House [sic: Halifax Courthouse] in Virginia, where Gen'l. Green having reinforced or recruited the army, he marched into North Carolina, and the said Beavers served under him at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] - the said Beavers further saith that he served at the battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], at the siege of Ninety six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], in which last action he was severely wounded by a musket ball in the shoulder – and after having completed his aforesaid term of service, he was discharged at Salisbury in North Carolina, receiving a written discharge from Major Sneed then acting as Col. of the Regiment, Col. Hawes having, as said Beavers understood, left the regiment on the arrival of the army at Ninety Six. The said Beavers saith that many years ago he placed his discharge in the hands of a Mr. Dedman of Virginia, then a member of the Legislature of that state, and he does not know whether or not it is now in existence – it is not now in his power to produce it.

The said John Beavers hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

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