Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Shadrach Beal S6610

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State of Virginia Southampton County Sct

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of the county aforesaid now sitting Shadrach Beal a resident of the county & state aforesaid aged Seventy years who being first duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the service in the year 1778 from the county of Southampton as a drafted militiaman under the command of capt Lewis Joyner & marched to the western Branch of nansemond River and was mooving from place to place through the county of Nansemond & Isle of wight. That he served under capt Holliman Capt Edmonds Capt Whitehead Capt Simmons That he served under several other commanders but from sickness and age he is unable to detail the events of his service or to recollect the names of his officers. That he is satisfyed he served in different towers at leat seven or eight months. That he was at one time stationed at Hogg Island [sic: Hog Island] in James River. That he marched through the countys of Nansemond. Isle of Wight Surry prince George & Sussex. That he was in no engagement and never had a written discharge. The annexed certificates of those who served a part of the time with him and who were then, and have continued to live in the same neighbourhood will prove the truth of his statement.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any state or territory. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Shadrach hisXmark Beal

We Shadrack Beal (of Benjamin Couper) [sic: Shadrach Beal (of Benjamin Cooper), pension application S6596] & John Beal [W4893] Residents of the county of Southampton do hereby certify that we were in the service in the revolution with the said Shadrack that we served several tours of duty to gether. That we have heard his declaration read & believe it contains the truth sworn to & subscribed in open court this [blank] day of October 1832

John hisXmark Beal [signed] Shadrach Beal of Cooper

The amended declaration of Shadrach Beal to the 1: 2. & 7th interrogatorys of the war department the applicant states that he was born in the year 1763 which he recollects from comparison of facts but has no witten record of his age

The certificates annexed of John Beal & Shadrach Beal (of couper) who the court of Southampton have certifyed for must show that they are entitled to credit & are old enough to know of his services. That he is known to Mr. Jesse Lankford Col. Can Bowers Captn James Harrison & many other Gentlemen of standing & intelligence.

[22 Apr 1833]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the county of southampton Shadrach Beal who being duely sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & infirmity & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his re collection he served not less than seven months in the Revolution and always as a private soldier & drafted militiaman & for such service I claim a pension

Shadrach hisXmark Beal