Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard E. Beale W1128
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State of Virginia:

County of Fauquier, Sct.

On this 28^{th} day of August 1832, Richard E. Beale a resident of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, aged upwards of seventy two 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 June 7^{th} 1832.

That he enlisted in the third Virginia Regiment in the Army of the United States in the month of February '76, with John Blackwell, first Lieutenant, under Captain John Chilton (who was killed at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] for the Term of two years. This regiment was the first Virginia regiment that marched to the north, and in the same year it was ordered as high as the White Plains in New York. It was commanded that year by George Weedon, but the next '77 it was commanded part of the year by Thomas Marshall, and the remainder by William Heath [sic: William Heth]. This affiant was in the Battle of Brandywine on or about the 11th of September of the same year, and in October [4th] next after he was in the battle of Germantown near Philadelphia. After this affiair this affiant was appointed sergeant major to the regiment of Colo. Heath, and afterwards adjutant to the same regiment. He served the full term of his enlistment, (two years) and left the service at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania in March 1778. From 1787 to the present time, he has been a planter and farmer in the County of Fauquier in Virginia.

At the period of this affiants enlistment, he lived in the County of Stafford in Virginia. He passed in marching to the north, through Maryland to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, thence through New Jersey to the city of New York, thence to the white plains in New York, thence we crossed the North or Hudson River high up above the city of New York and retreating through New Jersey we crossed the Delaware at Trenton.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, and further he adds that he never has received a pension for his services from the State of Virginia or other state or from the Federal Government.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid Rich'd. E. Beale [William Tomlin, Sr. (pension application S6261)certified that he had served with Beale.]

NOTE: On 14 May 1853 Mary E. Beale, 74, of Washington, DC, applied for a pension stating that she married Richard E. Beale in Prince William County VA a day or two after 16 Jan 1808, and he died 8 Jan 1835. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 16 Jan 1808 by Richard E. Beale and Philip D. Dawe for the marriage of Beale to Mary Elizabeth Grayson, widow of William Grayson. On 20 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as 75.