Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Beverly Booth W25267 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia

Surry County Sct:

On this 24th day of Sept'r. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of said County aforesaid sitting, the Rev'd. Beverly Booth resident of the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid, aged Eighty 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 act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia in the month of October in the year 1776 in the County of Southampton in the State aforssaid in a company whose Captains name I do not recollect, but the regiment was commanded by Colo. Benjamin Blunt, and marched to Norfolk and was in service more than six weeks.

About March in the year 1777 he was again called out under the same Officers and marched to Portsmouth in Virginia and was gone more than Eight weeks; that in May 1778 he marched under Capt Lusis[?] to South Quay in Nansemond County and acted under the Order of Colo. Parker and Gen'l. Mecklenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & was in service more that Eight weeks, that in March 1779 he marched under Capt Joyner to the same part of the County & under the same General Officer, & was in service more than six weeks; that about April 1780 he marched under the same Officers from Simonds's old field in the same county of Southampton to the same parts of the Country for more than six weeks. That in the month of March 1781 he marched under Capt Kells & Colo. Blunt thro' the County of Isle of Wight, & joined the Army at Tines's, that he marched up Jas [James] River, thro' Surry & Prince George and took part in the Battle at Petersburg in the month of April 1781 [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] & that he was then in service more than ten weeks, and in the month of Septr of that year he marched from his County under Capt Vick to Norfolk, under the command of Colo Parker, and remained in that neighbourhood until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town [19 Oct 1781] and soon after was discharged - he was then in service more than seven weeks. and that in the whole he was in service he is satisfied more than twelve months & three weeks; that he has no discharge & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services.

He he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that he is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Beverly Booth

NOTE: On 24 July 1854 Mary Booth, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Beverly Booth on 4 Feb 1819, and he died 23 Nov 1833. The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Surry County on 25 Jan 1819 by Beverly Booth and Johnathan Ellis for the marriage of Booth to Mary Cornwall. Matthew Booth and Samuel Booth stated that they had been present when Jesse Holloman, a Baptist minister, married Beverly Booth and Mary Cornwall. On 28 Mar 1855 Mary Booth, 73, applied for bounty land stating that her name before marriage was Mary Pressen, and that Beverly Booth died on 22 Nov 1833. On 22 Aug 1859 John C. Rogers, husband of Mary E. Booth and administrator of the estate of Mary Booth, his mother-in-law, stated that Mary Booth had died on 2 July 1855.