

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Beazley W5044

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia }

Greene County } S.S.

On this 4th day of November 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Mary Beazley a resident of the county of Greene and state of Virginia aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of James Beazley who was a soldier and belonged to the regular army, in the revolutionary war that she has often heard her said husband state that he had enlisted under the command of Capt Francis Taylor for the period of two years and likewise heard him say that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], but she must refer to the evidence accompanying her declaration to prove his services in the army as aforesaid. She further declares that her husband the aforesaid James Beazley was drafted and marched from the county of Orange in the State of Virginia in the summer of 1781 to the best of her recollection and belief, and served a tour of fully two months duty in the Virginia Militia, he was absent from home ten weeks, this tour of Militia duty was performed some eighteen months after her marriage with the said James Beazley. She cannot now name any of the officers under whom her said husband served in this tour of Militia duty, but she does know that he did serve as stated above. She further declares that she was married to the said James Beazley on the 14th day of January 1779 that her husband the aforesaid James Beazley died on the 18th day of May 1821 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

Mary herXmark Beazley

[On 4 Nov 1842 Richard White, pension application S6371, deposed that he was present when Beazley enlisted with Capt. Taylor.]

[On 21 Nov 1842 Charles Beazley, 72, deposed that James Beazley served a tour during the Siege of Yorktown, that Mary Beazley was frequently at his father's house, and that his father took his carriage to get James Beazley and bring him home from the service after he became sick.]

State of Virginia }

Green County } SS May the 29th day 1843

Be it known that before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Davis [pension application S8277] aged eighty six years, and made oath in due form of law, That he was well acquainted with James Beazley the late husband of Mary Beazley, and he does well know that the said James Beazley Enlisted into the army of the United States early in the Revolutionary war, the exact date he cannot now name. he was Enlisted into the service by Captain Francis Taylor, for the term of two years, and he affiant enlisted at the same time under Capt. Taylor for the same term of two years, and they were both discharged from the service at the same time, that whilst in the service that the said James Beazley and affiant were in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown, affiant further states that they were under the command Col Alexander Spottswood [sic: Alexander Spotswood], Commandant of the 2nd Virginia Regiment (he believes on Continental Service,) that his Brigade was commanded by General Weeden [sic: George Weedon], that his company officers was Capt. Francis Taylor, Lieut Wm. Taylor and Ensign Francis Cowherd, affiant would further state that the said James Beazley and affiant enlisted in and marched from the County of Orange State of Virginia, and affiant further states that he is now very old, and his recollection not so good as formerly & would refer to his own declaration and the testimony filed with it in the pension office to prove the service of the said James Beazley, as they Enlisted, Served and received their discharges together

William hisXmark Davis

[Davis made similar depositions on 11 Nov 1842 and 25 May 1844. To the latter is appended a declaration by Elizabeth Davis who witnessed the Beazley's marriage.]

[Mary Beazley applied again on 25 May 1844 and 7 Feb 1845. The latter application added that she believed the captain of her husband's militia company was Isaac Davis.]

State of Virginia

Rockingham County towit:

I David Rolston [sic: David Rolstone, pension application S7431] being a revolutionary soldier & pensioner hereby certify under oath I served tour in the militia of three months with James Beazley of Orange County; that in the month of July 1781 I was drafted in Cap. Richard Ragans [Richard Reagan's] company and on my way down to headquarters near Williamsburg fell in with Cap. Davis' Company in which Beazley was a soldier - each company proceeded on to head quarters where Beazley and myself were put in the same regiment commanded by Col. [William] Dark, and we remained together during the three months seeing each other every day - we were also called to the Siege of York Town and Beazley & myself were both there at the Siege and after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] came on Home. I knew Mr. Beazley before he entered the militia and from our acquaintance previous kept up whilst in the tour a friendly intercourse. We returned home the last of October 1781 previously to this militia tour Mr. Beazley had been in the regular army, but I cannot say how long. Mr. Beazley is now dead. I think he died in Greene County recently [in 1838] taken from the said County of Orange.
[7 Feb 1845] David Rolston

[On 10 Feb 1845 Judith Herring stated that she lived within half a mile of Mary Beazley during the Revolutionary War and frequently stayed with her and her child while James Beazley was away in service in 1781. The following appears with it.]

Virginia Albemarle County to wit:

I James Herring [pension application W11276] of the said County of Albemarle do certify under oath I am about 90 years of age, that I am a revolutionary soldier & pensioner that I was in service in the Country lying between Williamsburg and Fredericksburg during the summer and faul of 1781. I left the army about fifteen days before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown and my brother Thomas Herring was on the Gloucester side of James [sic: York] River in the same company with James Beazley of Orange - but they did not come Home with me. I left them there. They were not in my company however. Nor can I say at this time what company my brother Thomas and Beazley were in for I do not remember the names of their officers at this time.
James hisXmark Herring

NOTE:

The following transcript is of an original record taken from the family Bible and certified by James Beazley, Jr. as being in the handwriting of James Beazley, Sr.:

James Beasley Sen'r. was born August 10th 1760 and was married to mary Sanford Jany 14th 1779
And departed this life May 18th 1821

Mary Beazley his wife was born September 11th 1760.

John Beazley was born August 6th 1780 and was married to lucy Porter December 23rd 1802

Lucy Beazley his wife was born September 22nd 1780

Durrett Beazley was born February 9th 1802

Also in the file are four pages from an account book with the following records:

James Beazley was born on Sunday the 10th day of August in the year of our lord 1760

and was married on thursday the 14th day of January in the year of Our lord 1779

Mary Beazley his wife was born on thursday the 11th day of September in the year of Our lord 1760

John Beazley was born on Sunday the 6th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1780

Sanford Beazley was born on monday the 24th day of march in the year of Our Lord 1783

Nancy Beazley was born on thursday the 11th day of May in the year of Our Lord 1786

Elizabeth Beazley was born on wednesday the 4th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1789

Robert Beazley was born on monday the 9th day of May in the year of Our Lord 1791
James Beazley was born on Tuesday the 18th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1794
Polley Beazley was born on monday The 10th day of April in the year of Our Lord 1797
Mary Neel was born october 20th in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty nine
Lucy Beazley was born on Fridy the 27th day of September in the year of our lord 1799
Durrett Beazley was born on thursday the 11th day of February in the year of our Lord 1802
Lucy Beazley Departed this Life on Tuesday the 17th day of March 1801
James Beazley Sen'r. departed this life on Friday the 12th day of August 1803
Ann Beazley wife of James Beazley Sen'r. departed this life on Tuesday the 27th day of february 1810
Caty paul departed this life on Saturday the 7th day of may 1810
Negro moses born July 23^d 1795
Terry born march 20th 1797
meriah born January 22nd 1800
george born 1761
Jinny born 1764
Keziah born 1784
Jacob born 1786
Cloa born 1789
Aggy born 1791
george born 1793
Jannay born 1795
Tom born 1798
Harry born 1799
dice born 1800
Abraham born 1800
Fanny born 1801
Barbary born 1801
dudly born 1803
Willis[?] born 1804
Ben born 1804
Isaac was born June 1806
Annaca was born September 1806
Jim was born April 1808
Tanne was born august 1809
Albert was born march 1809
agge born february 1811
Lette born may 1811
gabriel born november 1812
Betty born July 1813
Barbary born may 1814
felea born 1815
horis born