

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Beard R670

Mary Beard

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State of Tennessee County of Williamson }

On this the 1st day of March 1847 personally appeared in open Court Mrs. Mary Beard a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven 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 7th 1838, entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows --

That she is the widow of John Beard who was to the best of her knowledge a private horseman in the State of South Carolina, and served as such at different periods during the Revolutionary War under Captain John Irwin and Colonel William Bratton in the year of 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782 in 1783, serving in all at the different periods enumerated about fourteen months -- She further states that she was married to the said John Beard in Spartanburg County State of South Carolina by one James Oliphant a Justice of the peace on the 1st day of January 1785 that her name before she was married to Mary Blackstock, and that her husband the aforesaid John Beard died in Williamson County State of Tennessee on the 31st day of May 1826, that was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, that she still remains the widow of the said John Beard - Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ Mary Beard, X her mark

I Moses Beard of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that the annexed records containing the births of John Beard, Mary Beard and their children Nancy Beard, Mary Beard, Francis Beard, Cato [?] Beard, Moses Beard and Aaron Beard has been in my possession 21 years and to the best of my knowledge is in the hand writing of one Anthony Shands.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this first day of March 1847

S/ Moses Beard, X his mark

S/ L. B. McCormico, Clk [Samuel B. McCormico, Clerk]

[Note, the Bible record appearing on page 5 of the Fold3.com digital images of this file is largely illegibly dark, what little I can make out is as follows

[entirely illegible entry]

Mary Beard was born Blackstock October the first 1771

father and mother above

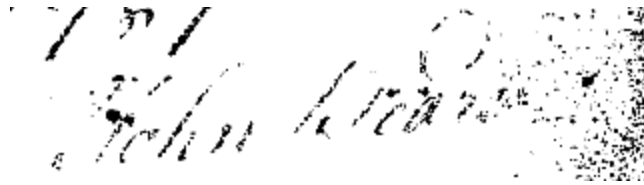
Nansy Beard was born January ye 6th 1786

Mary Beard was born October ye 1st 1789

Francis Beard was born March ye 4th 1791
Cato Beard was born ?? ye 15th 1794
Moses Beard was born ?uary ye 18th 1797
Aaron Beard was [born] February ye 18th 17??

John Beard was born
at North Charleston
father of mother a slave
Henry Beard was born
February 6th 1786
Mary Beard was born
March 1st 1789
Thomas Beard was born
March 4th 1791
James Beard was born
April 15th 1794
John Beard was born
January 16th 1797
Thomas Beard was born
January 16th 1797

[p 8: certificate dated May 29, 1847 from the South Carolina Comptroller General in Columbia setting forth payments made to John Beard for militia duty during the revolution as a horseman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Beard". The ink is dark and the background is light, with some speckling.

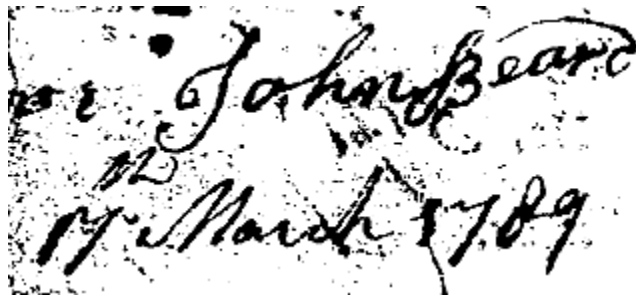
[p 5: Form of Indent No. 590 Book I dated December 30th 1784 delivered to Mr. John Beard in the sum of 16 pounds 17 Shillings and one Penny half penny for militia duty as a horseman in 1779 and 1783 per account audited.]

[p 6: reverse of the indent above]

I do hereby Assign over my right of the within indent to William Moore

S/ John Beard

17th March 1789

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