

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Beasley R680

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State of No Carolina }
Currituck SS. } On this 27th day of August 1836 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said court now sitting Jacob Beasley a resident of Ronoak [sic: Roanoke] Island in the County of Currituck and state of North Carolina aged 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 Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832

That in the year 1778 being then sixteen years old he was placed on the muster list and was in July 1778 placed under the command of Capt. Belsher Daniel of Ronoak Island as a soldier to guard the coast from Currituck Inlet to Cape Hatteras, that the soldiers were at different points of Coast between the aforesaid points from the time before mentioned to wit the month of July 1778 to the close of the war in 1783 The company in which he was had frequent skirmishes with the small brittish vessels that were sent into the sound for the purpose of plundering the Inhabitants and in the time they took several small vessels belonging to the enemy, but he does not now remember the names — He does remember that they took one small armed vessel that went up the sound to Edenton & took two small american vessels and on her return the company in which he was met the enemy off the mouth of Alligator River and took her and liberated the American vessels — The company also ran one British vessel on shore at North Landing — He further states he thinks the company took as many as ten or twelve vessels during the time he was in the service —

The Declarant states that Samuel Jarvis was his Colonel during the whole time he was in the service and he knew no other field officer —

Declarant was born on Ronoak Island and has never resided out of the County of Currituck and he knows no boddy by whome he can prove his service except Mrs Sally Daniel who was the wife of Belsher Daniel his captain & he hereunto annexes her affidavit — Declarant has no record of his age but remembers to have seen his age recorded in his fathers family Bible, but that the bible was taken possession of by one of his brothers & he does not know where it can be found — Declarant has not & never did have a discharge because he never left the service untill the war ended & he did not think a discharge was then necessary — Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Jacob hisXmark Beasley

Sally Daniel maketh oath that she was born and raised upon Ronoak Island that she is seventy four years of age that she has all her life resided in Currituck County & been acquainted with Jacob Beasly this applicant from a child she states that she was the wife of Belsher Daniel and that the said Belsher was Captain of a company during the war and was stationed on Currituck Banks between Currituck Inlet and Cape Hatteras and she knows that Jacob Beasley was under the command of her husband and was in his company during the war & she believes that the said Jacob Beasley served as a soldier as much as five years during the war

Sally herXmark Daniel

{State of North Carolina

{Comptroller's Office

I Geo. W. Brooks Comptroller of the Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said state to sundry persons for Military Service in the Revolutionary War as follows Viz.

Jacob Beasley £16.10.8 specie as per Indent No. 2265 dated 26th day Aug. 1783

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal of Office in Raleigh on the 6th day Febr. 1835 Geo. W. Brooks, Compt.

NOTE: On 9 Feb 1853 Mathias Cahoon and his wife, Barbara Cahoon, of Elizabeth City NC assigned power of attorney to pursue a pension for the service of Barbara Cahoon's deceased father, Jacob Beasley.