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Pension Application of Joel Beadles S17841

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State of Virginia King William County S,S,

On this twenty sixth day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Jno. C. Pollard, a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Joel Beadles aged seventy three years on the on the twelfths day of January last past who being duly sworn first according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the Seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a malitiam [sic: militiaman] by draft under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he the said Joel Beadles of the County and state aforesaid was drafted into the service of the United States as a malitiam, under Capt Richeson on or about the tenth day of September 1778, and met at King William Courthouse and marched from thence to Williamsburg, passing through the County of New Kent, from thence two miles below little york, and was there stationed until discharged after having served a tour of two months. He was again ordered out into the service under drafts, on or about the fifteenth day of April 1779 under Captain Robert Drewry, and met at King William Courthouse and marched from thence to Williamsburg and was there stationed in the barracks until discharged, after having served a tour of two months. Ennis [sic: James Innes] commanded the regiment to which he belonged and William Dabney was Lieutenant of his company. He was again ordered out in the spring of 1780 on or about the first of March under Captain Christopher Tomkins, and met at King William Courthouse and marched from thence to Holts forge [in New Kent County] from thence to Bacons ordinary, from thence to Hickory Neck church [sic: Hickorynut Church, 8 mi NW of Williamsburg], from thence to Williamsburg and was there stationed in the barracks until discharged, after having served a tour of two months. He was again ordered out by draft on or about the fifth day of October 1780 under Captain Quarles and met at King William Court house and marched from thence to Williamsburg, and was there stationed in the barracks until discharged, after having served a tour of two months. He was again ordered out by draft, and met at King William Courthouse, and marched from there under Lieutenant King to Richmond, from thence to four mile creek below Richmond and there stationed until discharged, after having served a tour of two months, making altogether a service as a malitiam, in the service of the Uniuted States during the revolutionary war, of ten months, for which he the said Joel Beadles now claims a pension. He the said Joel Beadles was born in the County of King William and state of Virginia where he has always lived ever since he was born. He was acquainted with the following named officers, Col Holt Richeson, General [Thomas] Nelson, Col John Hickman, Major James Quarles, Captn Drewry, Captain Tomkins, and others. He has no documentary evidence of his time of service. John Taliaferro, John Butler, John [?], Wlm Burke, Cornelius Dabney residents of the County aforesaid, know the said Joel Beadles, and can testify as to his Character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

[signed] Joel Beadles

Interogatories

Question the first Where and in what place were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of King William

Question the 2. Have you any record of your age and where is it?

Answer I have the record of my age in my house

Question the 3. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer I was living in the County of King William when I was called into service where I have

lived ever since

Question the 4 How were you called in to service were you drafted were you a substitute and if a substitute who for?

Answer I was always drafted into the service and never substituted any body

Question the 5 State the name of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served and such continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer I have already answered the 5 question in the body of my declaration.

Question the 6 Did you ever receive a written discharged from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer I do not recollect ever to have received a written discharge

Question 7 The 7 interrogatory is already answerd in the body of my declaration.

[signed] Joel Beadles

[William Winn (pension application S11699) certified that he had served one tour with Beadles. David Valentine (S9502) also certified that he had served with Beadles.]