

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isham Beasly S1943

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State of Tennessee }

Smith County }

On this 3th day of Sept 1832 personally appeared in open court before John Chambers Zachary Ford & Isaac Goodale - The court of pleas and quarter sessions for smith county now sitting Isham Beesley a resident of smith county in the state of Tennessee aged seventy three years in January next who being duely sworn according to Law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That In the month of November in the year 1779 he entered the service of the united states as a Volunteer under Capt James Hern [probably James Herndon] in chatham county North Carolina for a tour of three months that he marched with the company and joined Col Arch'd Lytles [Archibald Lytle's] Regiment near Salilsberry [sic: Salisbury] from thence with the Regiment Cambden [sic: Camden] in South Carolina from thence to Charleston where the troops spent the winter In the last of March or April He was there discharged and received a written discharge which he has since lost in this tour although called three months he was out and in service going and returning upwards of four months he knows of no living witness in this county that he can prove this service by and he has no documentary evidence now to Establish it.

That afterwards In the month of November [1780] he again entered a Volunteer with Capt Richardson for a tour of three months in the Light horse In chatham county N Carolina in a Regt commanded by Col John Litterel [sic: John Luttrell] remained at a place called Litterals Barracks about a month then marched Southwardly to join Genl Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army but hearing of Greens retreating before Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] The regiment Joined a part of Greens army on their retreat near Saulsberry [sic: Salisbury, about 4 Feb 1781] that night the Brittish made an attack on our troops and dispersed them He with a few others repaired to greens head quarters at Guilford courthouse from there he was sent by Genl Green to Hallifax [sic: Halifax] with an express to the governer from there he went home and joined Capt Patterson and served the Ballace of his tour in the barn[?] in chatham county In the august following he again entered a Volunteer in the Light horse under Capt Lewis Bledsoe in Wake County North Carolina for a tour that was to exonerate the militia from a tour of three months while in this service he was in the Battle of Linleys mill [sic: Lindley's Mill, 13 Sep 1781] under Genl [John] Butler the commander and marched afterwards with the army towards Wilmington from thence to a place called the raft swamp there was a battle fought with the Tories [15 Oct 1781] from thence to Mcfalls Mill where after a skirmish a number of prisoners was taken from there marched with his company guarding prisoners to Hillsborough where he was discharged and received a written discharge signed by Capt. Bledsoe which is now produced [not found] He is not sure that he can find any person who can Establish the second tour here named nor has he any documentary evidence to proove it The last tour here named he believes he could prove by the oath of Henry Massey [pension application S1919] but supposes the discharge here produced will establish it without that trouble he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Isham Beasly

Questions propounded by the court

Q 1 Where and in what year were you born

Ans I was born in what was then orange county North Carolina in the year 1760

Q 2 have you any record of your age

A I have not but have often seen it in my fathers Bible

Q 3 Where were you living when called in service where have you lived since the revolution & where do you now live

A I was living in chatham county NC when called in service and there resided untill the year 1798 when I remained untill I moved to smith county Tennessee where I now live

Q 4 How were you called in service

Ans that is stated in my declaration in full and also the answer to 5th Interogatory as full as I can now state it

Q 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood and who can Testify to your character &c

Ans I am known by all of the court and most of the county and Invite an Investigation of my character [blank] is here named as having certified as to their oppinion &c

State of Tennessee County of Smith

On this 2nd day of May AD one thousand Eight hundred and Fifty Five Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and State aforesaid Isham Beesley Age 95 years, a resident of Smith County in the State of Tennessee a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States who being duly Sworn according to law declares that he is the Identical Isham Beesley who was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain James Hearndon in the Regiment of North carolina Volunteer Commanded by Colonel Archable Latle in the Revolutionary war for the term of four Months and Continued in said war for fourteen days and that he has never applied nor Recd bounty land under any act of Congress whatever but was allowed a Pension of Thirty Eight Dollars and thirty three cents per annum under the law of the United States of the 7th of June 1832 which Papers he now refers to In support of this claim He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved 3^d day of March 1855

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