

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Beard S2978

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State of Ohio }  
Preble County } Ss.

On this thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable the Judges of the court of common pleas, in and for the county of Preble aforesaid, it being a Court of Record, now sitting: Francis Beard a Resident of the County of Preble aforesaid in the State of Ohio aforesaid, aged eighty 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the Fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he thinks about the last of September or the first of October, he was drafted from the Pennsylvania Malitia, for a tour of four months service; that at the time deponant was drafted he resided in York County Pennsylvania, and belonged to Fredrick Kurtz company of Malitia – they marched to york town, from thence to Lancaster, and from thence to the place where the main army was encamped, which was, he thinks about fifteen miles south of Philidelphia. The Colonels name at this place he thinks was Spickard and the Generals name [James] Potter. He was discharged he thinks about the first week in February 1778, and received a written discharge, which has since been accidentally lost by this deponant. In 1779 he removed from york County in te State of Pennsylvania, to Rockingham County in the State of Virginia. Deponant further states that in the year 1781 he was drafted from the Virginia Malitia for a tour of two months service and belonged to Captain Harrron’s [probably Harrison’s] Company of Malitia – his Colonel during the two months service was Benjamin Harrison. Deponant was in a little skirmish with the british Light Horseman during this tour. He does not now recollect either the exact time when he was drafted or when he was discharged.

Deponant further states that in the year 1782 He was drafted from the Virginia Malitia for a tour of two months service, to march against the Indians, he belonged to Captain William Smith’s Company of Malitia who was then under the command of Colonel Benjamin Harrison. They marched to a small fort on a stream called West fork [in present West Virginia] and remained there until he was discharged. This deponant further states that he resided in Rockingham County Virginia at the time he was drafted, for the two last terms of service above specified. Deponant further states that he has no documentary evidence from which he can prove his said service, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove the same. deponant further states that he has no written Record of his age, but thinks he was born in York County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1753. The whole time which this deponant served his country during the Revolutionary War was eight months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

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