

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Cornelius Beazley S34648

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Virginia

County of Frederick Ss.

On this fourth day of August 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Frederick aforesaid Cornelius Beazley resident in the said County aged sixty six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Cornelius Beazley enlisted for the term of three years on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1777 in Caroline County in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Mathew McConnell, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Moses Hazen in the line of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he continued in the said corps until the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1780, when he was discharged from the said service near Morristown in the state of New Jersey, and that he afterwards served three short tours in the militia. that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and at a small skirmish at horseneck in the state of Connecticut [at present Greenwich, 26 Feb 1779]; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the letter and affidavit of Colo John Taylor a Senator of the United States for the state of Virginia, having given his discharge to a gentleman for the purpose of making an application for some arrears of pay, which discharge he has never since been able to obtain.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. viz:

One bed and bedding few plates, pots and knives and forks.

And that the reason that he has not applied for a pension before this time was that he was employed as an overseer by several persons and therefore was able to obtain a support without the aid of his Country, but having become infirm from a rupture he is able to do but little work, and cannot support himself.

That he is by occupation a farmer and has no family, his wife being dead, and his children of age and living from him.

Cornelius Beazley

Sworn to and declared on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August in open Court.

Virginia – Caroline County to wit.

Personally appeared before me a majistrate for the said state and county, John Taylor of the same state and county, and duly made oath on the holy evangelist, that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, Cornelius Beazley of the same state, and then of the same county, enlisted as a soldier to serve for three years in a continental regiment commanded by Colo. Moses Hazen in which the deponent was a major; that the said Beazley was well known to this deponent at and after the time of his enlistment; that he served out the period thereof; that at its termination he was duly discharged; and that this deponent has good reason to believe, that he lost his discharge in consequence of his having entrusted it to another person, to draw an allowance to which he was entitled from the State of Virginia; because being poor, and living at a considerable distance from the seat of government where the business was done, it was inconvenient for him to do it himself. Certified this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1824

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One image from the online file is illegible.]

Richmond Nov'r 14<sup>th</sup> 1785

I do hereby certify that the bearer Cornelius Beazley was inlisted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 1777 in the County of Caroline of this state, to serve three years in a Regiment of which Colo. Moses Hazen was Colo. & myself Major, that he faithfully served out the term of his enlistment & was regularly discharged by Colo. Hazen. He informs me that he hath lost this discharge, and therefore hath never obtained his depreciation money. By referring to the rations of that regiment, it will be found that Virginia was credited with several men toward her quota, and if I am not mistaken with this very man among the number, which will, with this certificate, sufficiently authenticate his demand.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Caroline County]

To the Honble the House of Delegates The petition of Cornelius Beazley sheweth that He inlisted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Febuary 1777 for three years to serve in a Regiment commanded by Col Hazen that He served out his time, that He lost His discharge by which means he never obtained his depreciation money, that He understands this state was credited with several men towards Her quota to the Continent & He believes He was one of the number He hopes this House will grant him such reliefe as shall be agreeable to Equity & Justice

Nov'r 26<sup>th</sup> 1794 To Claims/ reasonable 12 D'r 94

NOTE:

Col. Moses Hazen commanded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian (Congress' Own) Regiment, which included Canadians as well as soldiers from Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut. Hazen was Canadian, but Maj. John Taylor was from Caroline County.

On 7 Mar 1837 Beazley applied to have his pension transferred to Bowling Green in Pike County MO where he had moved "for the purpose of being with a daughter, who was removing from Virginia to Missouri and whose removal, had he not accompanied her would have left him without any relations in that part of the country where he then lived." His application was accompanied by a letter apparently in his own handwriting.

A letter dated 16 May 1873 indicates that one Susan Rhodes attempted to obtain 100 acres of land in Ohio that was awarded to Beazley for his services.