

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Beto (Betto) S36409

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State of Kentucky Christian County Sct

Peter Beto a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky & County aforesaid declares that sometime in the first part of the year 1781 he enlisted and entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in Captain Michael Rodolph's [sic, Michael Rudolph's?] Company in the Legion Regiment of Infantry of South Carolina, South Carolina line commanded by Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee]. That he continued in the American service in the Regiment aforesaid as a private Soldier against the Common Enemy from the time aforesaid until the latter part of the year 1783 in the whole Eighteen months and twenty-four days at which period he received by order of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] an honorable discharge which is now lost or mislaid and in consequence thereof he is unable to state the precise time when he was enlisted or discharged.

He is now old and infirm and in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is induced to ask the aid offered by the Government by the 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."

That he relinquishes all pensions that may have been granted him by the United States, and makes application for a pension in consequence of his reduced Circumstances in life.

August seven, 1818

S/ Peter Betto, X his mark

State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct

In the Record of proceedings in the County Court of said County among others all the following to wit

Be it remembered that "At a County Court begun and held for Caldwell County in the Court house in Princeton on Monday the 25th day of October 1829 the following proceedings were had to wit "on motion of Peter Beto, It is ordered that the following instrument of writing be admitted to record, which being first sworn to in open Court by said Beto, to wit "Commonwealth of Kentucky Caldwell County SS, on this 25th of October 1819 the Subscriber Peter Beto a citizen of this Commonwealth aged sixty years appeared in this County Court held at Princeton in & for this County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" that in the early part of the year 1781 he enlisted for the term of eighteen months at Ninety Six in South Carolina being there at the siege in the militia service, into Colonel Henry Lee's Legion and that he joined Captain Michael Rodolphs company and continued in the Continental service in the said Legion of the South Carolina line eighteen

months and twenty-four days that he was under the Command of Colonel Lee until after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] when the command of the Corps he belonged to fell to the command of Colonel Lawrence [sic, John Laurens] after whose death he was commanded by Major Eggleston [probably Joseph Eggleston] that he belonged to the Army which marched into Charleston on the Evacuation of that place by the British that he was honorably discharged by order of General Greene & Colonel Lee at Varings about 30 miles from Charleston about the close of the war which discharge he has lost. That he was in many fights & skirmishes. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and has no other evidence now in his power than that he has Exhibited that he has no particular place of residence at present sometimes living with one & sometimes with another of his children.

S/ Peter Beto, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct. On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County Peter Beto aged sixty years and nine months resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in the early part of the year 1781 and Colonel Henry Lee's Legion and that he joined Captain Michael Rodolphs Company and continued in the Continental Service in the said Legion of the South Carolina line 18 months and 24 days which is contained in his former declaration which bears date October 25th 1819, on which he has received no certificate.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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 -- My property Consist of one mare worth \$35, one sow and pigs worth \$4.00, 1 ax worth \$1.50, one hoe worth one dollar, pair small Clevices [chains?] \$.75, one bull tongue plow one dollar, harnes [harness?] & traces \$.25 one old pair saddlebags \$.50, an extton agt [execution against] Eli Cotton \$13 -- my occupation is that of a farmer and very little able to labor from age and from affliction similar to the piles under which I have labored six or seven years -- My family consists of my wife aged fifty or upwards named Molly, and very little able to assist in procuring a subsistence.

S/ Peter Beto, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct. Personally appeared John Mabry¹ a citizen of said district and a man of respectability credit and good standing and made oath that he is well acquainted with Peter Beto the present applicant for a pension under the law of Congress that he knew the said Peter Beto to have enlisted in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of the Continental troops for the term of eighteen months in the year 1781 in South Carolina he the said Mabry being then a private in the same Company and that he was knowing to said Beto's serving his

¹ [John Mabry S13832](#)

time out in the same company with him being Captain Michael Rodolph's Company.

Sworn to and declared in open Court July 24th 1820 before the County Court of Caldwell
County State of Kentucky

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 7th, 1818 for
eighteen months service in the Virginia line as a private.]