

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Shadrach Beal (of Benjamin Cooper) S6596

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State of Virginia Southampton County Sct.

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Southampton now sitting Shadrach Beal (called for distinction) Shadrach Beal of Benjamin Cooper, a resident of the county & state aforesaid aged sixty nine years & born in the year 1763 in Southampton county St of Virginia who being first duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That he is a native and resident of Southampton and always has been and entered the service as a drafted militiaman in the year 1779 in the month of march and marched to the coun[ty] of Isle of Wight under the command of Capt Magget of Southampton and was stationed at Stone mills in Isle of wight for six weeks he then was caled out under the command of capt. Whitehead and was stationed at Murdaughs old Field in the county of nansemond and was employed on scouting partys along on Nansemond River he served next under capt Holliman in the county of Nansemond on the edge of the Dismal Swamp and was employed as when under the command of Whitehead in the previous tower in watching for partys of the enemy who were expected in Nansemond River he next served under capt Lewis Joyner and marched to Babbs old field in Nansemond and was marching from place to place in the countys of Nansemond & Isle of wight he next was called out under command of capt John Simmons and marched to Williamsburg & from there to York Town during the seige [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and after remaining a few days was sent back to williamsburg & was there when the cannonnade was going on at the battle preceeding Cornwallaces [sic: Cornwallis's] surrender while we were at yorck Town we were stationed in rear of the regulars and so near that he recollects there was a ceadar Tree that the men used to clime up and look in the Ennemys Fort untill they discovered us and fired several cannon shot at us after which we desisted from peeping at them after Wallaces surrender we were discharged at Williamsburg by Col. Blunt [probably Maj. Reading Blount] and he returned home That he was allways called out as a militiaman and marched through the countys of Nansemond Isle of Wight Surry James city charles city & York That he was sent up Yorck [sic: York] River to a Ferry during the Bombardment at York and could see the bombs flying in the air although several miles distant That he served about seven months during the Revolution always from the county of Southampton as a drafted man That he never had a written discharge as it was not customary to give the militia a written discharge

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any state or territory sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Shadrach Beal of Coop[edge of page]

We John Beal [pension application W4893] & Shadrack [Shadrach Beal, S6610] of the county of Southampton do hereby certify that we were in the service in the Revolutionary war with the aforesaid Shadrach Beal (of Benjamin Cooper) That we have heard the declaration of said Beal read & we believe it contains the Truth and that said Beal served fully the time he has stated if not more sworn to & subscribed in open court this [blank] day of October 1832 John hisXmark Beal
Shadrach hisXmark Beal

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the county of Southampton Shadrach Beal (of Cooper) who being duely sworn deposeth & sayeth that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively as to his services in the Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than seven months always as a private & as a

drafted militiaman & for which service he claims a pension given under my hand & seal this 13th day of
April 1833