

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ephraim Beazley S6597

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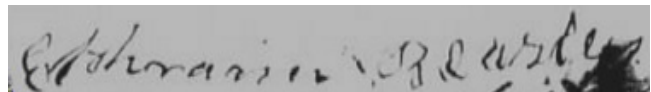
State of Virginia

Essex County Court

On this day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of the County of Essex now sitting Ephraim Beazley a resident of South Farnham Parish in the County and State aforesaid aged 70 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> February last 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he enlisted in the month of October 1777 under Sergeant Scandalan in the [blank] Regiment of the Virginia state line commanded by Colo [Charles] Porterfield and Major Charles Magill and served in a company attached to said Regiment commanded as well as he at this time recollects by Capt Opie Davenport [Obadiah Davenport] and Lieut Berry — he served about five months in Williamsburg and the neighbourhood thereabouts & then marched with a detachment of said Regiment commanded by Capt John Vaughan [R18674] to the South and was at the battle of Campden [sic: Camden SC] on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1780 when General [Horatio] Gates was defeated and the Baron de Kalb killed on the battle field [sic: mortally wounded]. shortly after this Colo Porterfield died of a wound received in the battle at Campden: this affiant afterwards marched in a detachment commanded by Capt Vaughan and Lieut Berry having in custody some prisoners for Winchester in Virginia, but he fell sick on the way and was unable to proceed farther than the City of Richmond in Virginia: after his recovery he was again marched to a company commanded by Capt Vaughan in the same Regiment in which he enlisted and remained in the Country bordering on the James River until the latter part of December 1780 when he marched in a detachment as a guard to Genl. Weedons [George Weedon's] baggage to Fredericksburg where being sick he entered the hospital and there remained for five or six months and being still unfit for service he was permitted to return home; and did not recover his health until the termination of the war: the army being disbanded and the officers under whom he served separated he was unable to procure a certificate of discharge: He has upon proof of the services rendered received a warrant for two hundred acres of land which he has sold to Robert S Noel.

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



Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

State of Virginia

Essex County to wit

On this 18 day of February 1833 personally appeared before the court of Essex County now sitting Ephraim Beazley a resident of South Farnham Parish in the said County and state aged 71 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the present month who being 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.

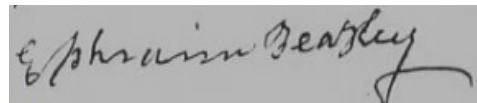
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated.

He enlisted for and during the war as a private soldier in which capacity he always served on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1779 under Sergeant Scandalan in a company commanded by Capt Opie Davenport and belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colo Charles Porterfield, which Regiment was of the Virginia State line, that at the time of his enlistment he resided in the County of Caroline, Virginia.

immediately upon his enlistment he was called into active service, and served about five months in and about Williamsburg in the State of Virginia; he then marched in a company attached to said Regiment commanded by Capt John Vaughan and Lieuts Berry and Mann, the Regiment being under the command of Colo Porterfield and Majors Magill and Drew, to the south; in his march he passed through Hillsborough and Salisbury in North Carolina and Charlotte or Charlotte Ville as well as he at this time recollects in South Carolina [sic: Charlotte NC] and was at the battle at Campden on the 16 of August 1780 when Genl Gates was defeated and the Baron de Kalb killed on the battlefield and shortly after Colo Porterfield died of a wound received at the battle at Campden: he served for about six months after the battle at Campden in North and South Carolina, Genl Gates shortly after his defeat as before stated being superanuated in command by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, on 2 Dec 1780]. and was then marched in a detachment commanded by Capt Vaughan and Lieut Berry having in custody about eighty prisoners for Winchester Virginia and passed through Hillsborough and perhaps some other Towns and villages at this time not recollected to Richmond Virginia where he fell sick and was unable to proceed farther immediately upon his recovery he again entered active service in the Company commanded by Capt Vaughan in the Regiment in which he enlisted and remained above James Town Virginia and the country bordering on the James River, until the latter part of December 1780 when he marched in a detachment commanded by Sergeant Newman as a Guard to Genl Weedons baggage to Fredericksburg Virginia where he again fell sick and was placed in the hospital and there remained unable to help himself for five or six months; so soon as he was able to walk he reported himself to his commanding officer who was then with a detachment near Richmond Virginia and being unfit for service he received a permit from his Captain (which has been lost by time and accident) to return home there to remain until he was fit for duty; which he accordingly did, and was not restored to health until some time after the termination of the war; the army being then disbanded and the officers under whom he served separated he was unable to obtain a regular discharge or a certificate of the performance of service: he was including the time he was in active service and while sick Four Years and upwards engaged in the service of his Country: about the year 1784 he moved from the County of Caroline to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Va. where he continued until 1791 and then returned to the County of Caroline in 1794. he was drafted and marched in a company commanded by Capt Sutton against the insurgents in Pennsylvania [the Whiskey Rebellion] in this service he was engaged about four months. he recollects that the following field Officers were in command after the troops were concentrated [?] vizt General Washington, General Morgan, Genl Lee and Genl Matthews. in the year 1795 he moved to the County of Essex Va where he lived three years and then moved to Richmond County Va and there remained three years, and about the year 1801 he again returned to Essex County where he has lived ever since. He has heretofore upon proof of the services rendered by him received a warrant for two hundred acres of land which he sold to Robert S. Noel.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that Ephraim Beazley enlisted in the year 1779 in the State Garrison in the City of Williamsburgh under the command of Colo. Charles Porterfield during the War and to the best of my knowledge he served untill the War ended. Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1811

Jno. hisXmark Armstrong [John Armstrong S6529]

At a Court of quarterly session held for Essex County at Rappahannock on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1811