

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Beaver S6603

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: SS

On this 6th day of May 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Thomas Settle, Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity of the County and State aforesaid now sitting – Jeremiah Beaver, a resident of said County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-six years old on the 19th day of this present month; 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Sometime about the 15th day of July 1780 and as this Declarant now thinks on that very day, he was drafted in a company commanded by Capt. Bartlett Searcy of the Militia of Granville County and State of North Carolina. This Declarant at that time resided in the said County of Granville, and was marched immediately under the said Capt. Searcy to the South for the purpose of aiding and helping General Gates in South Carolina near Camden. There was no Col. nor higher officer than the Capt., and we were directed to march with all possible speed – this Declarant with the Company was marched to Hillsboro. Thence to Bell's Mill on Deep River and thence to Mass ferry on the Pedee River and on directly to Gholstons: where we halted for a few days & again commenced our march. But before we (This Declarant & Company) reached General Gates Army, the battle of Camden had been fought and we met the American Army retreating & running; we were thence ordered to Hillsboro North Carolina where we remained some little time and from thence, we were marched to Salisbury where the Declarant remained until his Tour of duty expired, when he was discharged – at Salisbury this Declarant was put under & in the Regiment under the command of Col. Collier – from whom he received his discharge – which he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot find it. This Declarant thinks he got his discharge on the last day of October 1780 – when he returned home and to Granville County North Carolina –

This Declarant continued at home until the 10th day of March 1781, when, he volunteered his services under the Command of Capt. James Lewis to escort and guard the Gov. Ash [sic, Abner Nash] who was then in Granville County to New Bern where he lived – Governor Ash being the Gov. of our State at that time: – we accordingly marched as the lifeguard of Gov. Ash first to a place called the Marsh Swamp where he Gov. Ash reviewed the militia &

troops at that place. – Thence to Tarboro where he (Gov. Ash) held also another review – thence to Washington NC where he also reviewed the militia – thence to review at Martinsborough NC – and so on with him to his several places of review, down to New Bern, where we remained some time and from thence were ordered to Duplin Court House where General Caswell lay: with a view (as this Declarant always thought) to know if they wanted any help – from thence to the place where Raleigh stands now & where we were stationed until our three months Tour was out. When we were discharged and returned home to Granville County North Carolina. It is proper to state that in this last tour we were under no regular Officer; higher than our Capt., for we were commanded by the Gov. or one of his aides-de-camp with us. This declarant thinks he returned home sometime in the month of June 1781. But at what time cannot now state, for the length of time & loss of memory in some degree places it out of his power to state precisely as to the day –

This Declarant had not remained at home but a little time before he was drafted again to go to South Carolina & the South part of our State where the Tories it was said were pretty strong & doing mischief. But at what particular time this Declarant cannot now state, further than he thinks it was in the Summer, for he well knows that he was in service when the news reached him of the capture of Lord Cornwallis & they had great rejoicing upon the event. This Declarant was drafted under Captain Howell Taylor, was ordered to Hillsboro, where they were stationed and remained some considerable time perhaps 2 months and from thence were ordered on to Salisbury But this Declarant was sick at the time the Company marched and was left in Hillsboro where he continued for 2 or 3 weeks after the troops marched – as soon as this Declarant recovered he with his nurse who was left with him followed them on as far as Salisbury where they remained until they were discharged – he thinks he was discharged sometime about the last of October or first of November 1781 and from thence returned home – This Declarant thinks he was in service this To work some 4 or 5 months for he well recollects that it was summertime when he left home & it was winter when he got back. This Declarant would state that in this Campaign TOUR he had no Commanding Colonel and in fact there was no field officer with this Declarant who immediately commanded except Governor Ash and his aid de camp. At that time this Declarant entered the service he resided in the County of Granville and State of North Carolina where he continued to reside until some little time after the Revolutionary War. Thus the whole time which this Declarant served his country during the war of the revolutionary war was something like 10 or 11 months – being 3 Tours and one of which was considerably over the Time of 3 months – For this he claims a pension – say 10 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.

The following interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant and his answers – to wit
Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia on the 19th day of May 1757

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have – recorded in a Bible, which is now in possession of my son-in-law John Walker of this County.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I will was living in Granville County in the State of North Carolina when I was called into service & 1 or 2 years afterwards – when I moved to this County (Caswell County North

Carolina) where I now live & where I have lived ever since.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – the first and last Tours of duty which I served I was drafted and the second Tour I volunteered as I have before stated!

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – I knew General Green, General Rutherford, General Butler, Colonel Dixon and Captain Donoho & others of the regular or Continental troops; & also Dixon's Regiment But I do not know what was the number – I knew Colonel Taylor's Regiment & Colonel Gill's Regiment of Granville militia & Colonel Sanders of Caswell &c. The General Circumstances of my Service I have tried to detail before

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I did received three discharges one I lost long since & two I kept till some little time back, I [sic, in] fact thought I had them until I looked for them a few days since. But cannot find them – The first was given me by Colonel Collier – the second by Captain Lewis & the last I do not know by whom for I have not seen that one for 40 years. I think it is probable it was by my Captain Taylor.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who Question can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

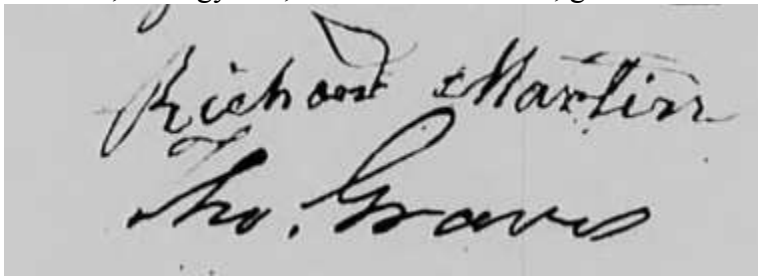
Answer – I and generally known by the County & will rely upon any of the respectable part of the community to prove my character I will however name William Kennon, Colonel Thomas Graves, William Badgett and others any of them I expect will prove my character for truth & good behavior.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ Jeremiah Graves, CSC

S/ Jeremiah Beaver, B his mark

[Richard Martin, a clergyman, and Thomas Graves, gave the standard supporting affidavit.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Richard Martin" on the top line and "for Graves" on the bottom line. The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]