

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Beard W25224

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The State of Ohio County of Clinton Ss. On this 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before George J Smith President Judge & Jesse Hughes Aaron Sewell and James Dakin Esquires his associates in office constituting the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Jacob Beard resident of Vernon Township in the said County of Clinton and State of Ohio born the 29th day of August 1762 in the County of Shanadore [sic: Shenandoah] State of Virginia. That he lived in that County and Frederick all his lifetime until he removed to his present residence in December last. From the best of his recollection he is now upwards of 69 or 70 years of age, and who being first duly sworn according to law so deposes and doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and under the following circumstances and served as hereinafter stated towit. On the 15th day of April 1781 this deponent resided in the County of Shanadore state of Virginia, That he was then and there drafted for a tour of six months and placed under the command of Captain Jonathan Pugh whose Lieutenant was Parrott and Borden Ensign the given names of the two last he cannot recollect. The said Company at first paraded at Stovers Town [Stover] in said County and was attached to the battalion of Major Booth and Colonel Andrew Byrd and From thence said Regiment was marched to Fredericksburg, from thence to Williamsburg & from thence to an encampment near York Town in the State of Virginia, where for some reason unknown to this deponent he was transferred from the Company aforesaid and attached to the Company commanded by Captain Awl [possibly William All] and from thence served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [William] Dark; That he was there during the seige of Cornwallis [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] until a few days before the surrender when he was discharged under the proper hand writing of said Captain Awl but which has long since been lost & gone from this deponent. He is certain that he was called out under the authority of Virginia in their militia, but it does not appear to his recollection that there was a militia General from that State who had any command at the particular station where he was placed during the operations against Cornwallis and his army. This deponent recollects that he was stationed at General Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] encampment who appeared to have the only command at that place where this deponent served and was discharged as aforesaid about 6 or 7 days before the surrender having faithfully served a tour of duty for 6 months in the Virginia Militia and returned to his place of residence in Shanadore County aforesaid where he resided until about the middle of the year 1802 or 1803 when he removed to Frederick County Virginia where he resided 12 or 13 years, removed back to Shandor County aforesaid where he resided until about the 2^d December 1831 when he removed to Clinton County in the state of Ohio where he now resides. 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. This deponent further saith that he does not at this time know of one single member of of the said Company to which he belonged as above set forth now living or any other person to whom he is known and by whom he can prove his services as above set forth nor has he any documentary evidence whatever to produce in proof of such service [signed] Jacob Beard
The Court aforesaid also proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to to said applicant as directed by the War department to wit

1 Where and in what year was you born?

Answer. I believe in the year 1762

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age, nor do I know of any such record

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

Answer I was born & raised in Shanadore County Virginia where I lived when called into the service by a draft on the Virginia Militia. I resided in said Shanadere County after the War until the year 1802 when I removed to Frederick County Virginia where I resided 12 or 13 years when I removed back to said Shanadore County & resided there until the 2^d December 1832 when I removed to my present residence in Clinton County Ohio

4. How were you called into the service? were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? & if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted into the service

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect, and the general circumstances of your service

Answer. I recollect General Washington, and General Muhlenburg were with the troops where I served I knew them personally, but can not say that I knew any of the other Regular officers, nor any Continental or Militia Regiments so as to designate them though there were a great many of them at the taking of Cornwallis and at the seige before I was discharged as aforesaid

6. 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 receive a discharge from the service given by Capt Awl as stated in my declaration. It has been long time lost and gone from this applicant & he does not know what has become of of it

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

Answer. David Wright and Lewis Floyd are the names of persons who reside in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] Jacob Beard

NOTE: On 3 March 1855 Rosanna Beard, 66, applied for bounty land stating that as Rosanna Windle she married Jacob Beard in Shenandoah County on 15 May 1819, and he died on 27 March 1839. On 19 June 1855 she applied for a pension, giving her maiden name as Rosana Wendell and the date of marriage as 10 Apr 1819. In the file is a certified copy of the record of the marriage of "Jacob Beard and Rosena Wendel Sept 3^d 1820," performed by Jesse Smith, a Presbyterian minister.