

he supposes thirty and retired. The main body of the American Army was near at hand, and it marched back to Camp Carsin and were discharged. Col. Matthews endeavoured to prevail upon our forces to remain over their time, but three months having expired they determined to return home. Deponent remained in Augusta County Va about 15 years, moved to Abbeville S.C. – lived there about twenty years and in Georgia about 15 years – he now lives Henry County Georgia – he is known to John Barnhill, John Lovejoy, William McConnel, James Patello and others his neighbours – he is known to the Rev'd James Gamble who also knew him in South Carolina. He was born in the County Derry in Ireland – came over in the year seventy one, was born 29th Septemb. 1756 – has a record of his age in his Bible, has no documentary evidence.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to an annuity or pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state [signed] Robert Beard

[John Beard of Madison County GA certified the service of his brother, Robert Beard.]

NOTE: On 26 July 1841 Sarah Beard, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Beard on 16 Aug 1790, and he died 27 Nov 1836. John Beard stated that he lived in Augusta County from 1773 until 1789 and knew of the marriage of his brother, Robert Beard, to Sarah Hatfield. On 8 Dec 1847 Sarah Beard, 77, stated that she had moved from Henry County to Cobb County GA within the previous three years.