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Pension Application of Edmund Beadles S17842

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State of Virginia King William County

on this 26th day of Nov'r. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of King William Court now sitting, Edmond Beedles, a resident now of Caroline County but born in King William, & a resident of said County throughout the revolution, aged sixty eight years the last day of August past 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 & served as herein stated, namely, that Colo. Holt Richeson commanded the regiment to which he belonged, the number of which he does not remember – that Capt. John Quarles commanded the company to which he belonged and Jeremiah Nelson at Wmburg. That he entered the service the fall of the year before the capture of Lord Cornwallis at little York in Virginia [19 Oct 1781] and in the whole, he believes he served two terms in the Militia, twelve months as an artificer at Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville] making and repairing sword belts cartage boxes, &c, under James Hawkins & Major Pryor the Chief officer, & was discharged from the service after the siege of little york – while serving the four months above mentioned, he was at Williamsburg, little york, Richmond & at Sandy point on James River [in Charles City County], then the property of a Mr. Lightfoot about this time the Brittish embarked on board their vessels, & my tours expired. The troops at Sandy point were commanded by George L Turbeville [sic: George Lee Turberville], & while I was at Sandy point we took an armed British vessel commanded by Capt. Hare on his way as he stated to [blank] with a flag of truce – I was on board the above named vessel as one of the guard for two days & one night & that I never received pay for my services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & 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.

Edmond Beadles

[After the Pension Office objected to the above application on the grounds that there was no 12-months militia service, Beadles made the following successful declaration.]

State of Virginia King William County S.S.

On this eighth day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Stephen Sutton a justice of the peace for the County of King William, and State of Virginia, Edmund Beadles, aged Sixty nine years on the thirty first day of August last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of Congress passed June the seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated –

He the said Edmund Beadles of the County and State aforesaid, was drafted into the malitia service of the United States, on or about the fifteenth day of October 1779, under Captain John Quarles, and met at King William Courthouse, and marched from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to little York, from thence to Richmond on James River, from thence to holts forge [in New Kent County], from thence to Sandy point, and was there discharged, after having served a tour of duty of two months. He was again ordered out by draft under Captain John Quarles, and met at King William Courthouse on or about the tenth of march 1780, and marched from thence to Burwels ferry [sic: Burwell's Ferry near Hog Island in Surry County], and was there stationed until discharged after having served a tour of duty of five months. He was again ordered out under Captain Drewry by draft and met at Richmond on or about the tenth of October 1780, and after being there a short time he enlisted in the army and under the Command

of Major Prior, who thought proper to detach him from the army as an artificer for the purpose of assisting in repairing saddles bridles &c at Charlottsville he being a sadler by trade and profession, in which business he has been in ever since, and in which capacity he served at Charlootsville twelve months, making in the whole, a service one year and four months, for which service he now claims a pension. He the said Edmund Beadles was born in the County of King William and State of Virginia, where he has lived all his life. He was acquainted with the following named officers Col Holt Richeson, General Nelson, Major Matthews, Major Turbeville, Major Prior, Major Ragsdale, and others whose names he does not recollect. He has no documentary evidence of his services. John Taliaferro, John Bolten, James Terry, Caleb Rice, residents of the aforesaid County, know the said Edmund Beadles and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any State.

Interrogatories

Question the first, Where and in what place were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of King William.

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

Answer I have no record of my age.

Question the 3 Where were you living when called in to service? where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

I live In the County of King william, where I have always lived.

Question the 4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer of were you a substitute and if a substitute, for whom?

answer I was always drafted when called out into service.

Question the 5 State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and malitia officers and the regiments, malitia, & Continental you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services?

Answer I have already done that in my declaration.

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

I have never received a regular written discharge

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

Answer I have answered the 7 Question in the body of my declaration

Stephen Lutton J.P.

[signed] Edmund Beadles

[John Butler (pension application S8115) certified that he and Beadles had served together on two tours of two months each. Joel Beadles (S17841) also certified the service claimed by Edmund Beadles.]