

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Peak (Peake) VAS148 [vsl 2](#)

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Alexandria Nov. 6th, 1796

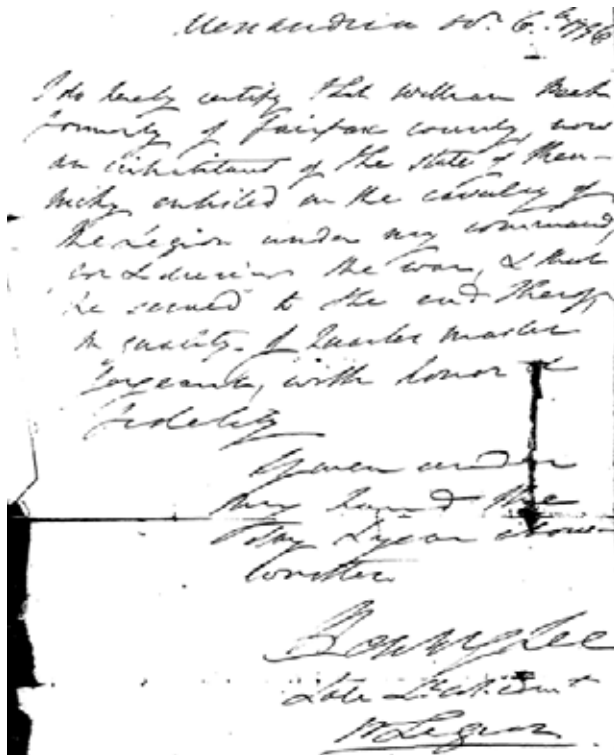
I do hereby certify that William Peak formerly of Fairfax County now an inhabitant of the State of Kentucky in enlisted in the Cavalry of the Legion under my command for & during the war, & that he served to the end thereof and capacity of Quarter Master Sergeant, with honor & fidelity.

Given under my hand the day & year above written.

S/ Henry Lee

Late Lt Col Comt.

? Legion



[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name William H. or W. H. Peake] VSL 15 VA

9th April 1810

I do hereby certify that many years ago I gave to Wm H. Peake formerly a Sergeant in my Cavalry my certificate at the bottom of his act agst. [against] the United States while acting in the Quarter Master Department in my Corps, stating the balance due to him, which balance as well as I can recollect was about eleven hundred pounds Continental paper money.

S/ Henry Lee
Lt. Col. Com. ? Legion
During the War

? 9th April 10

Sir

The bearer W. H. Peake was a Sergeant in my Cavalry & was one of the three dragoons cut down by the enemy when I was attacked at Scot's house on the 19th of January 78

He deserves [?] every exertion I can give to promote [?] his good [indecipherable word] his fidelity & general [indecipherable word] a long service under my orders & he merits every attention from his Country having severely suffered from 13 wounds received in the public service – I pray you to be so good as to patronize his application for his just claims against the United States.

I have the honor [the image of the document cuts off at this point]

Respect Yr [your] most Obt [obedient] Servt. [Servant]

S/ Henry Lee

Dear Sir

I am sure I need only tell you that the bearer was among the best of my Soldiers, received 13 wounds in the service, is in great want of remuneration, for his sufferings & is one of your constituents. [Several lines of text which I cannot decipher with any confidence] he will give you the particulars

Respectfully
S/ Henry Lee

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled

The Petition of William Peake humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner engaged in the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the troop of Horse commanded by Henry Lee Esquire as by copy of his certificate will appear & to which your petitioner begs leave to refer. That in the course of the service in the said Certificate expressed, he was wounded as will appear as well by reference to a certificate of Doctor Welcford [?] and the Scars he carries as the said Certificate of Henry Lee Esquire.

That in the course of the before mentioned service for which he has received no compensation he was necessarily obliged to expend his own money for public use and for which the vouchers were lost with considerable part of the Baggage belonging to the Legion while in active service to the Southward which said money has never been reimbursed to him by the public.

That in consequence of his wounds, which at this time entirely prevent his obtaining a livelihood by any kind of business he was allowed by the State of Virginia and annual pension of 18 pounds only which is insufficient for his support and [one or more words illegibly faint] be considered as an adequate to his services and sufferings.

He therefore prays that he may have the amount of services adjusted & paid, monies advanced reimbursed & his pension increased: And as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

[Note on last page: "March 19, 1834, Rejected J. F."]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Pittsylvania County Legislative Papers

To the Hble. Speakers & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates –
Your Petitioner William Peake Humbly Sheweth

That he enlisted as a private in June 1776 in a Troop of Horse commanded by Capt. Henry Lee, that in January following he reenlisted for the War and was made Quarter Master Sergeant, that he was badly wounded & made prisoner in January 1778, that in June following he was exchanged and made a Cornet, in which capacity he served until November 1779 when receiving accounts from Virginia that his father lay dangerously ill & not being able to obtain a furlough resigned. That after his father's death & making what provision he could for the family he followed the Army to the Southward & joined Col. Lee's Partizan Legion in South Carolina but not being able to recover his rank as an Officer he remained with them as a Volunteer to the end of the War, at which time he was in a very low state of Health & continued in that situation so long that he was not able to get to Virginia before the Law had expired for granting an allowance to the Officers & Soldiers for depreciation of pay, that he is ready to show Certificate has yet Issued for that purpose & praise this Hble. House will grant him relief in the premises & as in duty bound will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Peake's Petition

22nd November 1788

Ordered to lie on table

Referred to the [indecipherable word, possibly "Equities"]¹

Reported