

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Milstead [Millstead] VAS696

vsl 12VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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To his Excellency Littleton Tazewell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Memorial of Elizabeth Mershon (formerly Millstead), a Daughter and only living heir of Leonard Millstead formerly of Prince William County Virginia respectfully sheweth, that her father was a soldier in the Virginia line of Continental Troops, and died while in the Service of smallpox – She remembers when she was a child of about 5 years of age, the fact of her father going off to the Army, and some months after, probably 12 months after he went off, she heard of his death in the Hospital by smallpox – these facts she remembers having heard when she was a child in her mother's family and believes them to be true.

Your memorialist sends with this Memorial the Depositions of Hugh Davis & William Davis in support of her claim, and asks of your Excellency the Bounty Land allowed by the Virginia for her troops, for service of three years [paper damaged and text compromised and indecipherable] three years and died in the service.

And your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Elizabeth Mershon, X her mark

[Attested August 5, 1835 by Charles Lewis, JP, who recites in his attestation that the claimant is 64 years of age.]

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Report on the claim of the air of Leonard Milstead, a soldier of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir,

This soldier's name has not been found on the Army Register of the Continental line.

The facts, which have been proved by the claimant, were – that Leonard Millstead [sic] was a soldier in the regular Army of the Revolution, in the Continental line – that he enlisted in Captain Leitch's Company, for a term of 3 years, in the spring of the year 1776, and died of the smallpox, at Philadelphia the succeeding winter. (See the affidavits of Hugh Davis and William Davis.)

It does not appear, that bounty land has been allowed, for the services of this soldier.

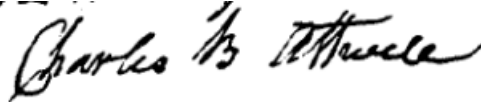
Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

August 18, 1835

I was born & lived in Prince William County until a few years past. I knew Captain Andrew Leach [Andrew Leitch] & Leonard Milstead intimately. I know that Leonard Milstead enlisted in Captain Leach's Company – do not recollect the year. I recollect that Milstead called to see his family on Furlough as he marched from Hampton to the North. I do not know when he died or was killed. I know he never returned. I entered the Mil<sup>l</sup>. service as Ensign in 1781 Leach & Milstead were several years before me. I was intimately acquainted with Hugh & William Davis of Prince William County they were both men of respectability & veracity

S/ Charles B. Atwell



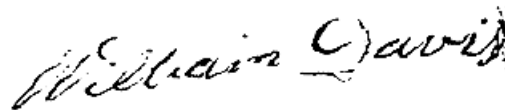
[attested in Loudoun County Virginia February 7, 1838]

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Virginia Loudoun County

Be it known that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1835 personally came before me Charles Lewis a justice of the peace for said County William Davis now a Revolutionary pensioner in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age who made oath according to law that he knew Leonard Milstead of Prince William County when he enlisted in a company then commanded by Captain Andrew Leitch at Hampton Virginia in the spring of 1776 for three years and that said Leonard Milstead died of the smallpox in the Army the winter following, Captain Leitch afterwards Major Leitch and was in Colonel Heath [William Heth's] Continental Regiment

S/ William Davis



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Virginia Prince William County

But know that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835 personally came before me George Weedon a Justice of the peace for said County Hugh Davis now a revolutionary pensioner in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of his age who made oath according to law that he knew Leonard Milstead of said County when he enlisted in Captain Andrew Leach's Company at Hampton Virginia in the Spring of 1776 for 3 years and the said Milstead died the winter following in the Hospital in Philadelphia of the smallpox as I afterwards heard and have good reason to believe it.

S/ Hugh Davis<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> FPA S10136