

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Leath VAS859

vsl 11VA

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

Report upon the claim of the heirs of John Leath, as soldier of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services –

To Governor Tazewell

Sir,

I have no facts to report, in this case; founded upon public documents.

The name of this Soldier does not appear on the Army Register, either of the Continental or state line.

soldier, named John Leath, has received bounty land.

The facts, which have been proved by witnesses, whose affidavits have been filed by the Petitioner, all the following – to wit –

That John Leath enlisted for a term of three years, (according to one witness) in the Continental Army, sometime in the year 1778 – that he marched to the North, and died in the service, before the expiration of his term of enlistment. Two other witnesses say – that he enlisted either for three years, or during the war; they cannot positively save which; and that he died in service. (See the affidavits of Jeremiah Scoggins, and Thomas Butler & Herbert Heath – of whom Scoggins has been proved to be a respectable witness.)

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Commissioner &c

13th April 1835

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State of Virginia Prince George County to wit

Personally came Jeremiah Scoggins of said County & State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that John Leath of Prince George & State aforesaid was an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain that he entered for 3 years that he enlisted sometime in the year 1778 and that said John Leath was under Captain Runs [could be Buns] and that he went to the North and this deponent states that to the best of his knowledge said Leath was under Colonel Call and Colonel Bannister but does not know what Regiment he was in the said Leath died sometime before the expiration of said service & has just reason to believe he never received any Compensation for said services nor does he know of any person of the name of John Leath but the above Leath. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of September

1834.

S/ Hardiman Webb [JP]

State of Virginia Prince George County

The undersigned Heirs of John Leith beg leave respectfully to present his Memorial for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof to submit the following statement,

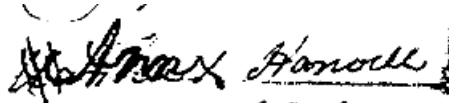
That your Memorialist is own Sister of ____ the said Frederick Spires and are now Citizens of the State of Virginia & Prince George County that he was a Citizen of Prince George County & State aforesaid that he enlisted under Captain Rains¹ that he enlisted in the year 1778 for the term of three years your Memorialist believe he was under Major Call² and Colonel Bannister³ that said Leath died before the Expiration of three years, that his service was rendered in the North – Your Memorialist verily believes herself entitled to Land Bounty for the services of John Leath aforesaid and are induced to this Conclusion more from the report of others, than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the Subject, They therefore believe that if this Claim should receive the advantage of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefore, that it will be fully shown they respectfully ask, that their case may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as that right and Justice may be done. Signed before me this 22nd of November 1834

S/ John a Phillips, JP

State of Virginia Prince George County to wit

Personally came Ann Harvel of the County and State aforesaid before me Hardiman Webb of the County & State aforesaid and acting Justice of the peace who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that she is sister to John Leath whose services are proven who was formerly a Citizen [of] Prince George County Virginia and that she is the only living Air that she knows of said John Leath that she is 76 years of age and knows of his serving nearly 3 years in the old Revolution and believes the testimony given of his services to be true. And subscribed before [me] this 22nd of November 1834.

S/ Ann Harvell



Herdimon Webb JP Dumont & sworn to this the 22nd day of November 1834 and that said Martha Harvel [sic] is entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ Herdimon Webb, JP

State of Virginia Prince George County: Personally came before me Thomas Butler and her but Heath who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that John Leath of Prince George and state aforesaid was a soldier in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain that he enlisted for 3 years or during the war but cannot positively save which but one of the 2; that he was in said service some considerable time before his death and that he died in said service, these deponents further state they were well acquainted with the said John Leath and knew of no other person of the

¹ A Captain John Raines is listed in Gwathmey as having served in the Prince George County militia

² A Colonel William Call is listed in Gwathmey as having served in the Prince George County militia

³ A Colonel John Bannister is listed in Gwathmey as having served in the Prince George County militia

name of John Leath in the service nor in the State and have Just reason to believe that said Leath never received any Compensation for said services. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th of July 1834.

NB. The name of Herbert Heath interlined before signed

Sworn to and subscribed

before me

S/ Herdimon Webb, JP

S/ Thomas Butler, X his mark

S/ Herbert Heath, X his mark