

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850

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Muhlenberg, Peter

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Brig. Gen. Issued

May 18, 1789

No papers

[File contains the standard response to a letter of inquiry indicating that the papers in this file were lost as a result of the War Office having burned in November 1800.]

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

Winchester barracks January 13, 1783

I do hereby Certify that I was appointed Colo. to the 8th Virg^a Reg. In January 1776 & that I am now in active service.

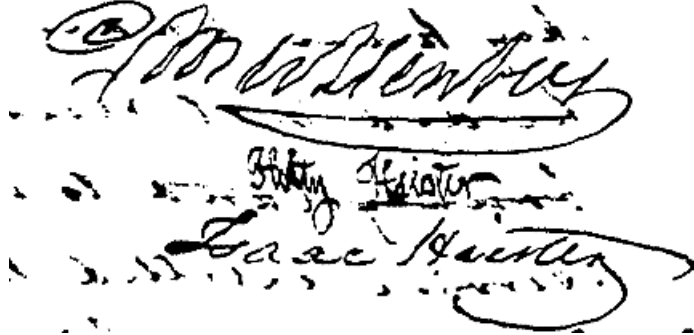
S/ P. Muhlenberg, BG

Winchester Barracks Jan 13 1783
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Col. to the 8th Virg^a Reg. in Jan 1776. & that I
am now in active service.
P. Muhlenberg

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] indexed under "Peter Muhlenburg"

The Memorial of the heirs of Peter Muhlenburg to the Honorable the Executive of the State of Virginia respectfully sheweth that Peter Muhlenburg was appointed Colonel of the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line in January 1776 and continued in service until 3 November 1783

at which time he was a Brigadier General having served in the Army 7 years and 10 months & that they have understood and believe he did not received the quantity of bounty land to which such length of service entitled him: they further show that said Muhlenburg has but to heirs living, a son, Major Peter Muhlenburg of the United States Army; and a daughter Mrs. Hetty Heister wife of Isaac Heister of Reading Pennsylvania. Your memorialist therefore respectfully request the Executive of Virginia to directly Register of the Land Office to issue a warrant for the additional quantity of land to which they are entitled and deliver the same to their attorney in fact Francis a Dickins. For evidence of General Muhlenburg's services and the particulars thereof and the quantity of land granted your memorialist beg leave to refer to the records of the Government and the papers filed in the Public Offices at Richmond.



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is larger and more prominent, appearing to read 'Peter Muhlenburg'. Below it, there is a smaller signature that appears to read 'Isaac Heister'. The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher in some places.

[Attested in Berks County Pennsylvania July 22, 1837

[pp 7-11: copy of the last will and testament of Peter Muhlenberg but the image of it as posted is too faint to read.]