

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Zea R11984

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State of Virginia Shenandoah County: SS County Court October 7 1833

On this 7th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Shenandoah, now sitting, Martin Zea a resident of Strasburg in the County aforesaid and State of Virginia and will be 73 years of age in November next, 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, and served as herein stated. That on the 29th day of August in the year 1777 he enlisted in a volunteer company for six months to march against the Indians, and that the company chose Thomas Buck as their Captain, Jacob Yost Lieutenant, Daniel Branson [could be Daniel Brannon] as Ensign. That the company marched from Strasburg Shenandoah County VA to Winchester and thence by Braddock's road to Fort Pitt, where we remained 2 or 3 weeks, and from thence to Fort Henry, under the Command of General Hand. Winter coming on and the number of soldiers being considerable it was thought advisable to dismiss all but one company. That I was among those who returned home where I arrived somewhere about a week before Christmas of the same year. I do not recollect the names of any other officers who were with that part of the Army. In confirmation of this service I refer to the affidavit of Thomas Buck herewith enclosed marked (A). It just occurs to me that there was one Colonel Gibson who I saw whilst at Fort Pitt & your petitioner further represents that in the year 1781, I was drafted in the militia for a tour of three months and served said tour under Captain Thomas Marshall and the other officers of the Company not recollected. That about the last of June 1781 we marched from Woodstock Shenandoah County VA towards Richmond and joined the Army about fifteen miles below Richmond at a place called drinking springs and that the Army was marched backwards and forwards through the country General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] and Major Welsh [perhaps Nathaniel Welch] commanded the Regiment. That Thomas Marshall, was dismissed on account of permitting a duel between two members of the company, and that after that event I do not recollect whether there was another Captain or not appointed. I was engaged in no battle, nor do I recollect the names of any Continental regiments or companies, neither can I remember the names of any other officers than those above named. In confirmation of this term of service I refer to the affidavits of Daniel Funkhouser and Jacob Sonner file herewith and marked, B & C. that from the length of time and consequent loss of memory your petitioner cannot state explicitly any circumstances relative to his service.

The following questions were propounded to the said Martin Zea and answered as follows.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1760 in the County of Lancaster Pennsylvania – my father kept no record of my age, but I have kept it in my mind from hearing my mother say how old I was, and that I was removed with my father's family from the place of my birth to Strasburg Shenandoah County Virginia where I lived at the time I entered the service and have lived there ever since. The manner of entering the service have been fully stated before annual petitioner cannot recollect the names of any other officers or the names of any Regiments in either Army.

2, 3rd, 4, & 5 questions answered above

Quest. Answer, I did not receive a discharge in either tour of service.

Quest. 7. Answer, George F. Hupp, William Morris, Joseph S. Spuyler, William Miller and William McCord & David Stickley

There is no Clergyman living in the immediate vicinity of Stroudsburg whose certificate I could obtained. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and 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 in open Court.



[William Morris and William McCord gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Philip Williams, clerk of court, added his own standard supporting affidavit.]

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Virginia Frederick County: Sct.

This day personally appeared before the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the County aforesaid, Thomas Buck,¹ and after having been first sworn the truth to say made the following statement (to wit) That on the 29th of August 1777, Martin Zea, enlisted into my company of volunteers, raised to oppose the British & Indians, in a siege which was expected to be carried on against Fort Pitt. That the said company actually marched to Fort Pitt, and thence to Fort Henry, under the command of General Hand. That the company enlisted for six months but the alarm of the siege passed off, and it was thought unnecessary to retain so many men through the winter; therefore the General discharged all but one company, which was taken out of the whole of the volunteers and Militia in equal proportion, which were retained to Garrison the Fort for the balance of the 6 months; there then discharged, return home after from 3 to 4 months service amongst whom was Martin Zea.

In witness whereof Thomas Buck has signed the aforesaid certificate

S/ Thomas Buck



Signed in my presence and sworn to this 24th day of September 1833

S/ Geo. N. Blakemore, JP

[fn p. 19: On October 5, 1833 in Shenandoah County Virginia,, Captain Daniel Funkhouser gave an affidavit in which he states: "That in the summer of 1781 he well remembers that Martin Zea marched from this County under the command of Captain Thomas Marshall against British under the command of Cornwallis also he recollects the return of said Martin Zea from service

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and that said Martin Zea is considered and known as a soldier of the Revolution."

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[fn p. 21: On October 3, 1833 in Shenandoah County Virginia, Jacob Sonner gave testimony as follows: "That he lived near the father of Martin Zea – that Cornwallis was taken prisoner – that he well remembers the expressions of [indecipherable word or words] by the family of Martin Zea about his absence in service against Cornwallis and that he verily believes Martin Zea was in the service of his country the year that Cornwallis was taken." He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 9, On December 15, 1838 in Shenandoah County Virginia, Ann Zea, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Martin Zea, a soldier of the revolution and a pensioner of the United States; that she married him on January 30, 1787; that her husband died November 3, 1838; and that she remains his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]