

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Dean R2810

Tabitha Dean

VA

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State of South Carolina

Edgefield District

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one (1841) personally appeared before the undersigned one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Tabitha Dean, a resident of the District of Edgefield & State aforesaid, aged seventy three years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows: – That she is the widow of Joshua Dean, who during the war of the Revolution, served as an enlisted soldier in the Continental line of Virginia, as will be made appear by the accompanying documents, from the pension office of the United States, & from the Auditors office of the State of Virginia. She knows nothing personally of her husbands services, but larned from himself that he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & at the taking of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], and was transferred to So Carolina and made prisoner when Charleston in that State was taken by the British [12 May 1780]. That he escaped from confinement and returned to Virginia in a state of great destitution, where he substituted and joined a corps of Virginia Militia, and served at the siege of yorktown & that he was present at the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. She thinks that he enlisted twice, reentering the service at the expiration of his first enlistment. She cannot say with any certainty who were the officers under whom he served, but thinks that he was part of the time of his service under the command of Gen'l. [William] Smallwood. She farther declares that she was married to the said Joshua Dean on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, seventeen hundred & eighty five (1785) That her husband the said Joshua Dean died of pleurisy on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May eighteen hundred and one, (1801) and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me in open court

Tabitha herXmark Dean

South Carolina

Edgefield District

Personally appeared Sterling Seutall before me A. B. Addison one of the magistrates for Edgefield District, who being duly sworn, saith that he had two brothers, viz, Samuel & William Seutall who were in the regular service, from North Carolina, during the revolutionary war, and were acquainted with Joshua Dean (the husband of the declarant Tabitha Dean) a soldier in the Virginia line; That they served with him, and were made prisoners with him, when Charleston in South Carolina, fell into the hands of the British. That his brother Samuel Seutall removed to the State of South Carolina somewhere between the years seventeen hundred & ninety & ninety five. That he witnessed a meeting between his brothers Samuel Seutall and the said Joshua Dean (after their removal to the State of South Carolina), & subsequent to the marriage of said Dean, to Tabitha Dean the declarant, at David Richardsons in Edgefield District) and that his brother Samuel Seutall recognised said Joshua Dean, as an old companion in arms.

He also declares that he has been acquainted with Tabitha Dean, widow of the above nmaed Joshua Dean, from the period of her husbands death; That she is a woman of good character & has remained the widow of the said Joshua Dean from the period of his death to the present time

Sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of october 1841

Sterling hisXmark Seutall

A B Addison Majst

Edgefield Courthouse South Carolina January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1843

I do hereby certify that I am bound to beleave that Joshua Dean was the lawful husband of the applicant Tabitha Dean and that they must have been Married upwards of fifty years before this time as I was acquainted with one of their sons who would have been fifty years or upwards of age if he had lived to this time.

I further certify that I have oftern heard from old revolutionary soldiers (now dead) and many others that Joshua Dean the husband of this applicant was a soldier of the revolution and done considerable service I have further to state that one of the sons of said Joshua Dean decd served as a soldier in the 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infanry [see endnote] in the late war and that Joshua Dean a Nephew and several other Nephews of said Joshua Dean decd served in the same Ridgmt which will be seen by refering to names of the soldiers of the said 18 Redgt of Infnty. and I observed in the time of the late war that the most of the soldiers & officers of my aquaintance were descendents of old revolutionary soldier & officer and particularly the Deans & others were imitating the examples set by their forefathers

I am opposed to persons receiving pensions who are not entitled but am clearly of opinion that Mrs Dean is entitled to a pension  
Respectfully A B. Addison

South Carolina } Personally Came before me, Lewis Calbreath a magistrate in and for the said  
Edgefield District } State Sarah T Wate and sayeth on oath that she knew Joshua and Tabitha Dean during their life time and knew they lived together as man and wife untill the Death of Joshua Dean wich took place in the year one thousand seven hundred ninty nine some time during that year and that he was berried in war like manner by some of the Revolutionary Soldiers but dose not Recollect their names and she believes him to be the Joshua Dean that served in the Revolutionary war and dose beleived that Smallwood Dean and his Sister Sarah Waitts is Joshua and Tabitha Dean's Children and that she has heard Joshua Dean speak of being in several battles and that Tabitha Dean died in the year one thousand Eight hundred and forty four some time in April Sarah T herXmark Wate  
Sworn to before me the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853/ Lewis Calbreath M.E.D.

South Carolina } Personally appeared before me Lewis Calbreath a magistrate in and for the said  
Edgefield District } State Sarah Turner and sayeth on oath that she is Seventy four years old, says she knew Joshua Dean before he was married, and knew he was married to Tabitha Mays, and they was married by the Rev James Heill and that her Father and mother was at the wedding and Joshua and Tabitha Dean moved to his Fathers house the next day after they was married and Remain there two weaks and they lived together as man and wife untell the death of Joshua Dean and they had six Children of wich there is two living Children Smallwood Dean and Sarah Waitts and that she has herd Joshua and Julius Dean a brother of Joshua Dean speak of being in the Revolutionary war and herd them speaking of several battles one at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and severl others not Recollected, and that she believes him to be the Joshua Dean that served in in the war and that he died in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninty nine some time in the summer of that year and that Tabitha Dean the wife of the above named Joshua Dean died in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four some time in April  
Sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1853 Sarah herXmark Turner  
Lewis Calbreath ME.D

South Carolina } Personally appeared before me Lewis Calbreath a magistrate in and for the said  
Edgefield District } State Francis Smith and saith on oath that she is ninty years old and that she knew Joshue Dean during the Revolutionary war and believes him to be the Joshue Dean that served in the war, during the war her father house was burned down by Torys the knews reached the army and the Col sent Joshue and Julus Dean and grate meny others to their assistance besides had seen them in Scouting parties after the brittish and believes that he was in the war at that time after that war was ended she believes he was married to

Tabitha Mays but did not see them married but they lived together as husband and wife as long as Joshue Dean lived and beleves that Smallwood Dean and Sarah Waitts is their Children and that Joshue Dean died one thousand seven hundred and ninty nine some time in the summer and was at his burial and was burryed by the honors of war, Tabitha Dean died in year one thousand eight hundred forty four the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April  
Frances herXmark Smith

Sworn to before me 6<sup>th</sup> day June 1853/ Lewis Calbreath H.E.D.

State of South Carolina } Personally came before me C. B. Turner and sayeth on oath that he was  
Edgefield District } born in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of August at Halifax North Carolina, and has been acquainted with

Joshue Dean ever since he was born or ever since he could Reccollect and that Joshue Dean's father Raised his father (an orphant) and that his father died, and left him and his mother in the care of the Deans and was three or four brothers Joshue, Julus, and William, (the name of the other not Reccollected) when the war broke out, Joshue Dean and William Dean and Julus Dean all went into the Army and did not see them in a year afterwards, during that time my mother moved to Saulsbury or Salisbury, the enemy had taken Julus Dean an put him Jail at Saulesbury, Joshue Dean (Came there to lay some plan to get Julus Dean out of Jail, Joshue Dean succeeded in get him out, the enemy ordered every house to be set on fire among all the Res my mothers house was set [on] fire, Joshue Dean took me and my mother and put us in ambush [sic] untell he could get a place for us, he carried us to a little place called Guilford, there he saw Joshue Dean and meny others under Arms, and Reccollects the name of the general was Smallwood, the general was very much pleased to see as small a boy in camps an Noticed him a grate deal, wich make him Reccollect him they was stationed at Guilford a while and had a battle there [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], before the battle orders was give for woman and children to leave untell after after the battle, the Americans gain the fight and we all we all went back, and saw Joshue Dean an several other in scouting partys after the torys, Reccollects at one time they was on a scout, and there was a very noted tory by the name of Stuart he was Riding a very fine note[?] horse they took Stuart and his horse, the Company casted lots for the horse, the lot fell to Joshue Dean and has seen the horse a grate meny times after the war Joshue Dean had the horse when he was Married to Tabitha Mays was at the wedding but did not get there in time to see them married, did not Reach there untell a half hour afterwards and he is the Identical husband of the clamant that served in the war and they lived together as man and wife for fifty six years

Sworn to before me the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1854 [signed] G B Turner  
Lewis Calbreath M.E.D.

NOTES:

There was no 18<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Infantry Regiment.

In 1856 Smallwood Dean assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits available for his father's services.