

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Leach (Leech) R6222 Martha fn36SC  
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State of South Carolina York District: On this 8th day of April, 1846, personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Acting Magistrates in and for said District, Martha Leach, a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 84 years, who being first 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 July 4th 1836, granting Pensions to Certain widows,

That she is the widow of Joseph Leach deceased of York District South Carolina who was a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution and served as follows. That he the said Joseph Leach entered the service in August 1780 under Captain Robert Montgomery, Steen's Regiment [James Steen] of the South Carolina Militia under whom he served for some time and was discharged. He then volunteered under Captain John Thompson, Colonel Taylor's Regiment & served for a considerable time in Captain Thompson's Company. That from August 1780, 'till May 1782 he the said Joseph Leach was almost constantly in the service; but to give the particulars of the said service declarant cannot. That after serving in the Militia as above, he the said Joseph Leach, Enlisted in Captain Barnett's company, under Major Conner or Conyer of the Line in May or June 1782 for and during the War, and received a bounty of \$50 in Gold & had the promise of a land bounty also. That after her husband Joseph Leach enlisted into the Line she went with him to the Main Army which was at the time stationed at Ankroms [sic, Ancrum's] old field near Columbia to see the Colonel, and to see, if she could not prevail on the Colonel to release her husband from his enlistment but she failed, and returned home leaving her said husband in Camp where he remained with one exception 'till March, 1783, at which time he was discharged. That some time after said Joseph Leach's enlisting into the Main Army he was unwell and was furloughed to go home to his family accompanied by Cat. Smith who took back the horse. That after getting home he was taken worse and had a spell of the Fever which lasted about six weeks before he was able to return to the Army again, which he did and remained in the Army till the End of the war and was discharged as aforesaid in March 1783.

She further declared that she was married to the said Joseph Leach by Abraham Smith Esquire in York District South Carolina on the 23rd day of December, 1781, and that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Leach died on the 15th day of February 1826 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She also declared that she has no family Record showing either the date of her marriage nor the births of her Children. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written Before me

S/ Payton B. Darwin, Magistrate

S/ Martha Leach, X her mark

[fn p. 16]

South Carolina York District: Personally appeared Joseph Jamieson<sup>1</sup> before me the subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Joseph Leach of York District deceased whose widow Martha Leach is now an applicant for a pension.

Deponent further states that he served a tour of duty with the said Joseph Leach the summer of 1781 in the lower part of this State deponent found Leach in service and remained with him until after the Battle of Bigham Church [sic, Biggin Church<sup>2</sup>] a term of seven or eight weeks and returned home and left Leach in service, deponent further says that Leach was not married at that time that the marriage took place the following December viz December 1781 with Martha Denton of said District the present claimant deponent was not at the marriage but believes it took place at the time above stated. Deponent never served with Leach after his marriage but knows of his own personal knowledge that the said Joseph Leach husband of the present claimant did enlist the spring after he was married deponent believes in Major Conyers Battalion Captain Jacob Barnett's company the circumstances that caused Leach to enlist was he and his brother-in-law Edmond Brige [?] were accused for taking a horse and were threatened with violence to avoid which Leach enlisted and deponent believes continued in service until discharged. Deponent further states that Murphrey Barnet and Joseph Leach were messmates the tour that deponent served with Joseph Leach husband of the present claimant and that John Leach the son of Joseph and Martha (the present widow) would be if living 54 or five years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1846 before me

S/ Joseph Jamieson, X his mark

Test: Allen B. Jamieson

[fn p. 25]

South Carolina In union District: Appeared Major Joseph McJunkin<sup>3</sup> before me the subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form of law that he is one of the surviving soldiers of the war of the revolution aged 91 years and before the close of the war held the rate of Major. Deponent says that in the summer of 1780 he became acquainted with Joseph Leach a soldier in the Army of the revolution under the command of Captain Robert Montgomery Steen's Regiment Sumter's Brigade as a volunteer in said company and also knew him to be in Captain John Thompson's Company also as a volunteer in the same Brigade he further says that from the summer of 1780 until 82 deponent believes Leach was constantly in service in the above capacity deponent was well acquainted with the said Joseph Leach and was generally in service with him at the times referred to and recollects they were together at the battle of Blackstock's<sup>4</sup> and Ninety Six<sup>5</sup> and several other places and also at the Barnets in the said Joseph Leach were in mess together and that during the year 1782 the said Joseph Leach was generally in service in the above company and that of Captain Barnets and part of the time under the said deponent's command he further says that the said Joseph Leach was married in time of the war and saw him in service after in Captain Thompson's or Barnets Company in the year 1782 or 1783 and believes the marriage took place one of the years last referred to and believes that the said Joseph Enlisted in Captain

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Jamieson S9360](#)

<sup>2</sup> July 16, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/bigginch.htm>

<sup>3</sup> [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

<sup>4</sup> November 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm>

<sup>5</sup> Siege from May 22 to June 19, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm>

Barnetts Company Major Conner or Conier [Conyers] state troops for and during the war and believes that the said Joseph Leach served two years and upwards before his enlistment and remained under the enlistment until discharged but cannot say how long he served under the enlistment as he never saw him in service after he enlisted Joseph Leach lived on the East side of the Boad [Broad] River in time of the war in what is now called York District and lived there after war until his death.

Deponent knew several of the Leaches in service in time of war but never knew any other Leach in service of the name of Joseph but the Claimants husband.

Sworn to and subscribed the 20th day of March 1846 before me

S/ G. Steen, Magt.

S Joseph McJunkin/

[fn p. 7: own May 2, 1853 in York District South Carolina, Edward Leach of York District filed a claim stating he is the son of Martha Leach who made application for a pension which has never been admitted.]

[fn. p. 13: certificate dated June eight, 1846 given by the South Carolina Comptroller general stating that he has searched his records and been unable to find any indents to the credit of Joseph Leach "but I find in one of the old books of this office, giving accounts of the indents lost, that Joseph Leech was credited with an indent of 61 pounds 15 shillings 4 pence for militia Duty under Colonel Thomas Taylor which is all that is said of him."]