

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Deaver: S12754

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State of Ohio Scioto County SS. Before me Samuel Crull one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally came William Deaver a Soldier in the late revolutionary war with Great Britain Born in Hartford [sic: Harford] County State of Maryland aged fifty seven years who being sworn saith that he enlisted in the Maryland line of Troops in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight for three years in Capt. Joseph Mayberry's Company in Col. Ramseys [Nathaniel Ramsey's] third Maryland Regiment, that in about two years after his enlistment he enlarged the time for and during the war That he was in actual service till wounded and taken prisoner - he was at the storming and taking of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 15 Jul 1779], was in the Battle of Cambden [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], where he was wounded in the leg and taken prisoner and lost his leg in consequence of his wound. that he was kept a Prisoner for about one year and then exchanged and discharged from the service. this deponent further states that he has been allowed by the State of Maryland a pension as an invalid pensioner by the Orphans Court after the rate of Twenty five shilling per Month - a copy whereof is as follows - "State of Maryland SS - I hereby certify that it appears by a return of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County in the State aforesaid that William Deavers has been paid by the Orphans Court of the said County as an Invalid Pensioner at the rate of Twenty five shillings per Month, witness my hand this 11th day of December 1792. T Johnson Just Clk [illegible word]

This deponent further saith that he is very poor and in low circumstances is in real want of support from the Country- [signed] William Deaver

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day of May 1818

State of Kentucky Sct.

At a Court held for the Mason Circuit at the Court house thereof in the town of Washington on Tuesday the 28th day of November in the year 1820.

William Deaver produced in Court a declaration in conformity to the act of Congress in that case made and provided, which having been sworn to is ordered to be filed among the records of this court. It is further ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of War that this Court is of opinion from the evidence of the said William Deaver sworn in open Court that he is possessed of no property other than as is stated in said declaration. Which declaration is in the following words and figures to wit:

Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mason Circuit to wit.

On this 28th day of November in the year 1820, personally appeared in open Court, (being a Court of record in and for Circuit aforesaid) William Deaver aged Sixty- four years, resident in the County of Mason in the said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: Some time early in July in the year 1777 he thinks from the circumstances of the British troops having taken up their winter quarters in Philadelphia that year he inlisted in the service of the United States for the term of three years under Capt. Joseph Maberry of the 3^d Regiment in the Maryland line, commanded by Colo. Ramsey at Baltimore, he was thence marched to the City of Philadelphia where he did garrison and fatigue duty for about two months, thence marched to the North River and joined the Army at Fishkill, wintered at Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook] in New Jersey, the next spring he reinlisted for the indefinite period of during the war thence to West Point and thus was marched to Divers points [diverse points] until the battle of Stoney Point in which he was engaged. after having stormed that fort, the troops were quartered near Morristown, whence on or about the 28th day of May [1780], following he was order to the Southern States under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, with whom he served until the Gen'l. Defeat at Camden; in this battle he received a shot in the left leg which was shortly after amputated at Charleston in South Carolina. Being thus disabled he in the year 1781, was

discharged. That he is now a pensioner of the United States, the date of the original declaration to obtain which he does not recollect, the number of his pension Certificate is 10.557. And he doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him, nor any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed to wit:

He holds the equitable title to forty three acres of land worth \$3. per acre.	\$46.00 [sic]
A pension from the State of Maryland of 40 Dollars per Year. —	
1 Horse (14 years old) saddle and bridle worth	30.00
3 Milch Cows	36.00
2 Yearlings (of the Cow kind)	11.00
7 Hogs	10.50
Kitchen furniture to wit 2 pots, 1 kettle, one oven, one tea kettle, one frying pan	10.00
Farming utensils, to wit 2 ploughs 3 hoes, 3 axes, 1 Iron wedge, one mattock,}	
1 Grubbing hoe 1 saw, 2 chissels 2 augers, one iron square}	18.00
Cupboard furniture to wit six plates, 1 dish, 1 tin milch pan, 3 tea cups, & 2 saucers	3.50
3 chairs	1.50
1 Water bucket and 3 pails	1.25
2 Drawing knives	1.00
1 pair compasses	.12½
One waggon and gear	40.00
1 gun	10.00
Isaiah McGraw owes to him on acc't.	<u>3.75</u>
	\$247.62½
He owes William Reed on acct.	\$55.00
To Morrison & Samury[?] on acct.	5.00
To Barnabus Allen per speciatly[?]	<u>29.00</u>
	\$89.00

William Deaver

His occupation is that of a farmer but from disability in the loss of his leg is unable to pursue it. His family consists of himself, his wife (aged about 37 or 8 years) and eight children to wit William Deaver aged 17 years, Deborah aged 5 years, Elizabeth aged 13 years, George aged 10 years, Rebecca aged 8 years, Micajah aged 7 years, Delila aged 5 years, and Mary Ann aged 2 years.

NOTE: On 28 Feb 1822 William Deaver applied to have his pension transferred from Ohio to Kentucky. On 2 Apr 1873 in Wayne County IN, William Deaver, 70, only surviving heir of William Deaver, Sr., applied for the pension that had been due to his father before his death on 9 Feb 1832 in Wayne County IN.