

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Deshasure (Deshazer, Deshazure) S16362

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State of Kentucky, Mercer County viz }

On this 10th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Mercer now sitting Henry Deshasure a resident of Glenn's Creek in said County aged 72 years 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 the 7th June 1832, viz.: I Henry Deshasure now 72 years old declare that I was born in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia where I resided at the time I was called into the Service of my country, as follows, viz.: in the month of May 1779, I enlisted in the said County with Lieutenant John [illegible last name, looks like "I hous"]¹ in the company commanded by Captain Deveraux Garrett [Garnett?] for three years and my company marched through North and South Carolina to Savannah in the State of Georgia where I was attached to the 3rd Georgia Regiment commanded by Colonel Ray or Rhea and Lt. Col. Elbert [presumably a reference to Samuel Elbert, a Georgia officer] and I was in the Battle of Savannah² and at Briar Creek where we had to retreat when Savannah was taken. General Howe was commander and he was succeeded by General Greene, from the time I enlisted until Savannah was taken I was stationed at that place and when it was taken we retreated up to Augusta where we were reinforced and we returned in pursuit of the British who had followed us and at Briar Creek³ while making a bridge across Briar Creek the British troops got in our rear and we had to retreat and I had to swim Briar Creek and the Savannah River and we again rendezvoused at [illegible words, looks like "Mulling grove"] in South Carolina and again retreated to Augusta where I was discharged at the expiration of my time and on my way home at Saluda River I was taken prisoner by the Tories who stripped me and took and destroyed my discharge. I was detained as a prisoner about one week when I made my escape and in the neighborhood of a Colonel Branham [sic, Thomas Brandon], I volunteered in Captain Hughes' company of said Brandon's Regiment of the South Carolina militia who was employed in suppressing the Tories and in the spring 1781 I was again taken by the Tories on Brown's Creek in South Carolina and put in Ninety Six Jail at which place I was confined when



¹ ² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

³ The veteran appears to be describing the engagement at Briar Creek March 3, 1779

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

General Greene's Army besieged it⁴ and after General Greene's retreat after being confined in Jail four months I was taken out for the purpose of being put on board a prison ship, but on my way at Stono I again made my escape. After we had been fed on wheat in the sheaf and I again got back to General Greene's Army on the Wateree River and again returned to my company of Captain Hughes where I continued until Lord Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and I was discharged having served three years in the said Georgia Regiment of the Continental line and two years in the militia service of the State of South Carolina. I further state that I do not know any person except a man by the name of Benjamin Warford by whom I can prove any of my service and there is no person that I know of from Georgia who lives in Kentucky and am too old to search after them. I also hereby relinquish all claim that I have to any pension or annuity except the present and I am not a pensioner of the U. States or of any State. After the war was over I lived in the State of Virginia until about 15 years since when I removed to Kentucky where I now live in [illegible word, could be "Adair"; doesn't look like Mercer] County. Witness my hand this 3day of September 1832.

S/ Henry Deshasure, X his mark

The said Deshasure further states that while I was in Colonel Brandon's Regiment I joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was engaged in the Battle at the Cowpens⁵ where we beat Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]. This battle was in January, and the fall before, I was with Col. Brandon at the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1781],⁶ where Colonel Campbell [William Campbell of Virginia], Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Colonel Williams [James Williams of South Carolina] all had a Regiment and were present with us and I was also at Blackstocks Ford on Tyger River where we had a fight with Colonel Tarleton [November 20, 1781].⁷ At this time I was under Captain Hughes, which various engagements I have omitted in my previous statement. All of which I solemnly aver are true. I further state that I have no documentary evidence of his services having long since lost my discharges.

Witness my hand this 13th day of September 1832.

S/ Henry Deshasure, X his mark

[Jesse Head, a clergyman, Philip Burns and John Cloyd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Anderson County: This day Benjamin Warford⁸ an old revolutionary soldier came before me a Justice of the peace for said County and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare "I am well acquainted with Henry Deshausure a revolutionary soldier who is now before me. I knew him in South Carolina when he was a soldier in the 3rd Georgia Regiment in the year 1779, we were both young men together, and we volunteered in the same company and Regiment viz. Captain Hughes Company and Colonel Brandon's Regiment, and were even together at the Battle of King's Mountain, and at the Battle of the Cowpens under General Morgan and at Blackstocks Ford on Tiger Creek [sic, Tyger River]. I have heard the statement of the said Deshasure read, and I know that he was in the service of his country in the manner he

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁵ Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁸ [Benjamin Warford \(Wofford\) W8977](#)

has detailed and although I was not with him the whole time yet I know that he was out as we lived in the same section of country and I believe his details are correct. I was sometimes in other regiments, I was with Sumter at Tyger Creek, and the said Deshazure was with Colonel Brandon. In the whole of said Deshazure's services I have actual knowledge of more than 2 years because I was with him either in the same Regiment or in one in company at the Battles he has detailed. Witness my hand this 13th day of September 1832.

S/ Benjamin Warford, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Georgia and South Carolina service for 2 years.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 4-page file

[p 1]

Henry Deshazure

Sold. [Soldier]

received March 11, 1840

rejected March 27, 1840

[p 2]

Harrisburg 3 the March 1840

Sir I herewith enclosed you Mr. Henry Deshazure power of attorney to me to draw his Land Warrant due him from the State of Virginia for his services rendered in the Virginia line during the Revolutionary War. Please hand it to the proper Department and have it acted on so soon as convenient. Has the claim of Mr. John Smothers for land been acted on, which claim I transmitted to you in November last –

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Chr. Chinn

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State of Kentucky County of Mercer} SS

I Henry Deshazure aged eighty years do upon oath testify and declare that I entered in the United States service in the Virginia line on the ___ day of ___ ^{in the spring} in the year 1777 for the term of 3 years and that I served in the Company commanded by Captain Jarret until he was killed and by then served under Captain Scott in the Regiment No. 3 commanded by Colonel Ray and afterwards by General Green of the Virginia line and was honorably discharged in the year 1780 from the Regiment commanded by General Green. I **[many lines of text too faint to discern in full but appears to be a general recitation that the claimant is enrolled on the Kentucky rolls as a pensioner of the General Government and a power of attorney authorizing Christopher Chinn to pursue his claim for bounty land from the State of Virginia. The claimant signed with his mark.]**

[p 4: Note: boilerplate acknowledgments by the clerk of court authenticating the power of attorney as being executed and attesting to the credibility of the witnesses.]