

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Paul Leathers (Leatherer) S16450

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State of Kentucky Scott County Sct.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the County Court of said County & State being a court of record, the applicant being unable from bodily infirmity to attend the Court, Paul Leathers, aged about 86 years, a resident of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky – 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he is about 86 years of age the first day of next April. That in the spring of the year 1776 he entered into the service of the United States in Captain John Thornton's Company of riflemen – the Major he does not recollect, but the Colonel was by the name of Weedon [George Weedon] from Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County Virginia. That he shouldered his rifle as a Sergeant in Culpeper County under Captain Thornton in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment by Weedon for the term of two years & at all times discharged his duty as such. In the year 1777 he was promoted captain in the same Regiment & acted as such until the end of the two years. The riflemen of the said unit work to find their own rifles & government was to pay 20 shillings per year for the use of them. He furnished three appraised to \$20 each, two of which he never got back nor received pay for them; nor for the use of them – That he was at the taking of the Hessians in Trenton, New Jersey the 26<sup>th</sup> December 1776 & got his feet severely frosted. He was at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] & many other skirmishes during said two years. He soon after fell into the staff Department under the command of General Peter Muhlenberg & acted as Quarter Master Providing Commissary & issuing Commissary, until the siege of Little York in Virginia the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1781. That land was promised them, but he has never received land nor pension. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State of the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Paul Leathers

alias Paul Leatherer

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[JT Johnson, a teacher of Christian religion, and Joseph Lemon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Department of War Bounty Land Office February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1833

Sir,

I herewith return the papers in the case of the claim for Pension by Mr. Paul Leathers, and have to inform you that his name cannot be found on the list of Officers of the Virginia line, on file in either in this, or the Pension Office, upon examination of the list of Noncommissioned Officers and Privates of that line, on file in the Pension Office, I find that a Certificate for fifty odd dollars was issued by the State of Virginia in 1783 to Paul Leather for the balance of his full pay as a Sergeant of Infantry in the Virginia Continental line.

Mr. Leathers having claimed pension (in part) as a Captain, the list of Officers alone was referred to in the investigation of his case, and his name not appearing thereon, he was reported as "not found on the Rolls."

I have taken the liberty to confer with Mr. Edwards on the subject of this claim, and he requested me to say to you, that a Pension will be allowed to Mr. Leathers in conformity with the rank which the Rolls exhibit.

I have the honor to be  
with much respect your Obedient Servant  
William Gordon

Honl. R. M. Johnson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the Virginia service.]