

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Lehew (Leyhew, Leheu) S22355

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State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County: SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John Young Esquire and his associates, Judges of the Court of common pleas of said County now sitting David Lehew a resident of Rostraver Township in the County of Westmoreland aforesaid and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy-six 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Spring of the year 1777 with Captain William Fields in Front Royal in Frederick County Virginia for the term of three years and served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Regiment commanded by Colonel William Brunt [William Brent] under General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] of the Virginia Line –

Captain Fields marched us to Williamsburg in Virginia, where he was either broke of his Commission or discharge, at all events we were placed under the command of Captain Boswell [perhaps Machen Boswell] of the same Regiment and marched to the White Plains in Jersey, thence to Monmouth where we had an engagement [June 28, 1778] with the British and flogged them, after which we were marched to Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and I was at the taking of a Fort there by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. The prisoners taken in said Fort were marched to a place called Goshen. After the taking of said Fort at Stony Point this Declarant was detailed with upwards of an hundred others to watch the movements of the British at the lines near New York in which employment he continued till sometime in October, when he joined the Regiment as he thinks at White Plains. This Declarant's recollection is so imperfect by reason of the infirmity of old age that he remembers little else than what is above stated except receiving a written discharge after the expiration of three years signed by William Brunt at Fredericksburg in Virginia – which discharge he never accounted of any value, therefore did not preserve it with any care, – when and where he lost it he is totally unable to say –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State –

The following answers were made by this Declarant to the Questions as propounded by the Court and prescribed by the War Department.

1. I was born in Lehew Town now known by the name of Front Royall in Frederick County Virginia – I have no remembrance when I was born but think sometime in the year 1755 or 1756 –
2. I have none nor have had any within my recollection –

3. I was living in Leheu now Front Royal in Frederick County Virginia – And lived there a long time after the Revolutionary War, and now live in Rostraver Township in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania –

4. I was enlisted –

5. I have stated all I recollect of the Officers & Regiments in the foregoing Declaration –

6. I received a discharge as I stated before at Fredericksburg in Virginia signed by the hand of Colonel Brunt – cannot tell how I lost it.

7. Solomon Spears & Luke Beazle

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before

S/ Randall McLaughlin, Pro.

S/ David Leheu, X his mark

[Peter Fell, a clergyman, and Manasseh Reeves gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]