

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Leak S31822

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Georgia } S.S.

County of Pike } On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, Eighteen Hundred and thirty three, Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pike & state of Georgia, James Leak a resident of said County of Pike & state of Georgia, aged sixty eight 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. — That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as therein stated: That he entered the service as a substitute for a man by the name of Grisham (his christian name not recollected) in Captain Odams [sic: probably George Oldham's] Company of drafted militia, In Caswell County North Carolina, about the first of July Seventeen Hundred, and Eighty; marched from Caswell County North Carolina, under Captain Odam and Lieutenant Parks to a place in North Carolina, then called Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) was stationed at Cross Creek a few days; from which place marched under General [John] Butler, in South Carolina, and joined General Horatia Gates [sic: Horatio Gates], at Rugely's mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] near Camden, who was then the Commander in chief of all of us. This applicant was in the engagement under General Gates, on the fifteenth august of that year [sic: 16 Aug 1780] near Camden against Lord Cornwallis. This was a three months Tour of duty, and after Gates's defeat we marched, under Captain Odom (John or George was his name to the best of his recollection) [sic: Lt. John Oldham or Capt. George Oldham] to a place called New Providence [in present Charlotte] in North Carolina, where we were stationed; after we reached new Providence, our Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Moore; Out term of service expired at this place, and at which this applicant received a Written discharge from Captain Odom, which he has Lost long since. This applicant at the time, he entered the service lived in Caswell County North Carolina, and his discharge was dated about the first of October, seventeen Hundred and Eighty. And this applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence wherewith to substantiate his claim, and that he knows of no person whose testimony it is in his power to procure who can testify to his services, except the annexed Affidavit of Bryant Leak, marked A.

The next Tour of duty of duty, this applicant performed was as a substitute for a man by the name of Southerland [probably Sutherland] (his christian name not recollected) in North Carolina, in the month of February to the best of his recollection, and in the year Seventeen Hundred and Eighty one, under Captain Elijah Moore, and Lieutenant Wynn Dickson [Wynne Dixon] in Guilford County in said state; from Guilford marched to a place called in the same county [sic: Chatham County], called Ramseys Mills on Deep River, where we were stationed a short time from which place marched to a place in North Carolina called Cross Creek in pursuit of Torys, where in the vicinity of which place, we scouting about in small companys in pursuit of Torys, untill our Term of service expired. This Tour of three months was performed under Captain Elijah Moore & Liutenant Wynn Dickson, to the best of this applicant recollection, for he cannot state positively from the loss of memory. that the Regiment during this Tour of duty was commanded by Colonel William Moore & a Major Donahoo [probably Thomas Donoho], his christian name not now recollected. Received a written discharge from Captain Elijah Moore, at Hillsboro, for this Tour of duty, which is also lost. And which was dated sometime about the last of May, that year

The next Tour of duty this appliant performed was as a drafted militia man in the month of June seventeen Hundred and Eighty one; was drafted in Caswell County North Carolina under Captain Berry Turner and Liutenant Dudley Gatewood; this was about the middle of June to the best of his recollection of the year last aforesaid; from Caswell County marched under Captain Berry Turner [Berryman Turner] to Hillsborough, where we were commanded by Major Murphy, his Christian name he does not know. and where we were stationed for a few weeks and from which place marched to a place called Hogun Creek [possibly Hogans Creek in present Rockingham

County NC], where we were stationed a short time; And from which place we marched to Caswell Courthouse, where our Term of service expired after being detached in small companies a while in pursuit of the Torys. this draft was a three months Tour. And about the middle of September of that year our time expired, and this applicant received a written discharge for this Tour of service, either [fro]m Captain Turner or Liutenant Gatewood, but from which of them he does not recollect; and this applicant has also lost this discharge. And this applicant further states, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure, except Bryant Leaks' affidavit Marked A, who can testify to his service.

That he hereby relinquishes his every Claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] James Leak

(Answers to the Interrogatories)

1<sup>st</sup> [Born] In Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county Virginia in the month of February 1765 the day of the month does not know.

2<sup>nd</sup> Has no Record of his age.

3<sup>rd</sup> [When first called to service lived] In Caswell County North Carolina, has lived since the Revolution in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, and now Pike County Georgia

4<sup>th</sup> As a substitute for two Tours, of three months each, one time for Grisham, and one time for Southerland; and one Tour of three months for myself as a drafted militia man.

5<sup>th</sup> I can state the names of Captain Odom, Lieutenant Parks, Captain Elijah Moor, Lieutenant Wynn Dickson, Captain Berry Turner, & Liutenant Dudley Gatewood, Col. William Moore, and Major Murphy, and Major Donahoo. The following Regular officers, Genls H. Gates, Gen'l. [William] Smallwood, Col. H. Dickson [sic: Henry Dixon], Gen'l. N. Greene. — and I have already stated in my declaration the general circumstances of my service?

6<sup>th</sup> Rec'd a discharge from Capt. Odom, one also from Capt. Elijah Moore, and one from Capt Berry Turner or Lieutenant Gatewood, all of which are lost.

[Certified by Henry Vanbiber and by Samuel Leak, clergyman.]