

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Defnall (Deflenn) S37887

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State of Georgia

On this 29th day of April 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts in said State of Georgia Personally appeared David Defnall aged fifty-nine years Resident in the County of Pulaski in the said State of Georgia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the said David Defnall enlisted for the term of three years on the first day of April in the year 1777 in Craven County in the state of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Silas Stephenson [sic, Silas Stevenson] of the Regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Shepherd in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment. That he continued in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the year 1782 when he was discharged from service in Kingston [sic, Kinston] State of North Carolina, that he was in the Battles of Charleston and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for Support and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ C. B. Strong, Judge

S/ David Deflenn, X his mark

I Christopher B. Strong Judge etc. as aforesaid do Certify that it appeared to my satisfaction that the said David Defnall did serve in the revolutionary war as is stated in the preceding declaration against the Common Enemy for the Term of nine months at one time on the Continental Establishment and I also certify that he is an entire cripple -- and I now transmit the proceedings and Testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress. I am also satisfied that he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

28 April 1819

S/ C. B. Strong, Judge

[The veteran made a later filing dated November 27<sup>th</sup> 1820 as required under the Act dated May 1, 1820 in which, in addition to the standard declaration regarding his citizenship and attestation of his assets, he lists the following schedule of assets:

"1 horse

1 old cart

1 Sow and pigs

13 Shoats

1 Cow and calf

2 Sows 2 pigs

David Defnall occupation a farmer but I'm able to pursue it. Number of his family residing with him and their ages his wife Mary Defnall 55 years of age }

Daughter Nancy Defnall 20 years of age } scarcely able to maintain themselves

Polly Defnall 18 years of age }

Georgia Pulaski Court of Ordinary November of adjourned Term 1820

David Defnall being duly sworn in open Court saith the above Schedule is just and true to the best of his knowledge.

S/ Robert Moreland, JOC

S/ David Defnall, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 12th of August 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war that David Defnel a private in Capt. Stevenson's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 21st of April 1777 for the term of three years -- nothing is said as to the length of time he served or when discharged.

Given under my hand at office the date above

S/ Wm Hill