

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Frederick Desern (Desearn) S38660

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 18th of February 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental Line of this State that Frederick Desern enlisted as a private soldier in the revolutionary war in Capt. Childs Company of the 6th Regiment for the war and was discharged the 20th of April 1780.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Session 1818 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Personally appeared in open Court this 24 day of August 1818 Frederic Desern, Citizen of Hawkins County in State aforesaid aged 74 years last February and being sworn in form of law deposeth & saith that he enlisted in the War of the Revolution for two years & six months in the month of June or July 1776 in Surry County North Carolina under Capt. Dougherty [probably George Doherty] in the 6th Regiment, the Col.'s name not recollected in the Brigade or Division commanded by General Moore who died shortly thereafter and was succeeded by General Nash, who was killed at the battle of Germantown, that from Surry County, this deponent was marched to Wilmington in North Carolina that at said place General Moore died, that this Deponent was stationed at said last mentioned place about six months. That from thence this Deponent marched with the Army under the command of Col. Mayburn [sic, Robert Mebane?] to the Valley Forge on the Schuylkill River, where this Deponent was stationed with the Army during the winter of [illegible word or words] in the Spring afterwards General George Washington with the Army to which this Deponent belonged pursued the British to Monmouth Town at which place a desperate battle was fought in which General Washington was victorious in which this deponent assisted in achieving. -- That this Deponent was in several skirmishes with the British shortly thereafter. That this Deponent under the command of General Washington marched to the North River above New York where the Army remained a considerable time that from thence he was marched to Philadelphia and from thence to Halifax County North Carolina where this deponent was honorably discharged in 1779 by Col. Clark but that said discharge is lost that this Deponent has no other Evidence of his Services than his own oath. -- that after he had he enlisted for 2 1/2 years this deponent was informed by his Capt. (Dougherty) that if he would enlist for six months longer in addition to his 2 1/2 years he would receive more land & wages; & that this deponent did enlist for six months longer making in all three years, which period he served faithfully & honorably. That this Deponent was in the battle of Monmouth as above stated and in several skirmishes with the enemy. And also this deponent

was at the taking of Stony Point under the command of General Anthony Wayne.

That from the fatigues & privations of his endeavors he is much enfeebled & debilitated, that he is unable to help out himself and is in indigent circumstances & that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has resided about 21 years in this State.

Sworn to & subscribed this ___ day of August 1818

S/ Fredrick Desern, X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court

S/ S. D. Mitchell, Clk

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Sessions 1820

On this 28th day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County Frederick Desern, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, viz., That he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the sixth Regiment North Carolina line in Capt. Dougherty's Company, that he enlisted in said Company for 2 years and a half, reference being had to his first Declaration will more fully appear, which declaration was made out in said County Court of Hawkins about the 24th day of August 1818 and that he has received a Pension Certificate, now in his possession number 8917. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed 2 hogs (sows) and 9 pigs, and that excepting my bedding & clothing I have no other personal property, nor any real estate, that his occupation is that of a laborer, and that he was on the 25th of last February seventy-seven years old, and is very infirm & unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country, That the only person[s] living with him, are, his wife aged about forty-eight years, a son aged about ten years and that they are not able to support themselves.

Sworn to and Declared in open court this day above.

S/ Frederick Desern, X his mark

The court values the above estate at \$10

[fn p. power of attorney dated September 5, 1796 given by Desern to Daniel Wheaton]
State of North Carolina Surry County: I William Armstrong Capt. in the North Carolina line during the War with Great Britain do hereby certify that Frederick Desern mentioned in the annexed power of attorney enlisted in the service of the United States of America for and during the War with Great Britain in the North Carolina line and that he served faithfully until the end thereof to the best of his knowledge. Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of October 1797

S/ Wm Armstrong

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month.]