

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham DeHart S39426

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Virginia to Wit-

At a Court Continued & held for the County of Monroe the 19th day of June 1818- Abraham Dehart aged about sixty years, resident of the County of Monroe & state of Virginia this day appeared in open Court (being a board of Record) who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, (in Order to obtain a pension made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War.) that he the said Abraham Dehart enlisted in the County of Berks & state of Pennsylvania some time in the Year 1775 to the best of his recollection in the company commanded by Captain John Rece of the third Pennsylvania Regiment of Musketry which Regiment was commanded by Col. Thomas Craig and there he enlisted to serve during the war, that he continued in the service of the United States until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in the City of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Green springs [Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island VA, 6 Jul 1781] & the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, that he has not other evidence now in his power of said services. The said County Court of Monroe do certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said Abraham Dehart did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for and during continuance of said war from the time of his enlistment aforesaid on the Continental Establishment, and that they are satisfied not only from his own Declaration but from the testimony of others he is in reduced circumstances & that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support - & they do direct that the Clerk of this Court do forthwith transmit the proceeding & Testimony heard & taken before them to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the aforementioned act of Congress. In Testimony whereof I John Hutchison jr. Deputy for Isaac Hutchison Clerk of the said County Court of Monroe have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of the said County Court. At Union this 1st day of July 1818 & in the 42^d year of the Commonwealth.

John Hutchison jr DC for Isaac Hutchison CMC

At a Court continued & held for the County of Monroe at the Court House the 22^d day of June 1820 & in the 44th year of the Commonwealth.

On this 22^d day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record, Abraham Dehart aged 65 years & resident of said County who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as a soldier in the 3^d Regiment Commanded by Col Thomas Craig and in the company commanded by Captain John Ries and that he was on the Continental line and that he had in his possession for a number of years his discharge but left it in the State of Pennsylvania with his mother when he left that Country and came to Virginia. that he has received a certificate of pension No. 6012. 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 gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions 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 March 1818 & 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 thing other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed to wit. 1 hog & two shoats 1 old saddle 1 old packsaddle 1 old pair Drawing Chains 1 collar 1 old feather bed. 1 old chaff d[itt]o. 1 old horse which is blind and unfit for use 2 old hoes 1 pot which is broke 1 kittle which is broke 1 oven which is broke 1 oven sound 2 spinning wheels 1 old axe 1 Loom & some reeds [reels?] two or three knives and forks. 3 or 4 plates & dishes 3 Sheep and one old trunk 2 old guns both of which are bursted in the barrells

no debts due me except seventy five cents the amount of the debts which I owe I cannot tell but not less than two hundred and twenty dollars.

I am a weaver by trade. I am infirm. I have one son at home about 12 years of age. I have 4 other Children who work in the Country for their support

The value of the above property \$20.00

Abraham Dehart

Sworn to and declared on the 22^d day of June 1820 before the justices of the peace composing the Court of Record aforesaid.

Test Isaac Hutchison CMC

I Isaac Hutchison Clerk of Monroe County do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the Schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the record of the said Court, and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is 20 dollars. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court in this 12th day of July 1820.

Isaac Hutchison Clerk of the Court
for the County of Monroe

NOTE: The following is from Boyle, J. L. *He Loves a Good Deal of Rum...* Vol. 1. Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 2009.

Philadelphia Barracks, March 7, 1776

SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS REWARD

DESERTED from Captain JOHN REES'S company belonging to the Second Battalion of Pennsylvanians in the Continental Army, commanded by Col. ARTHUR ST. CLAIR, the following men, viz. [eight listed]

ABRAHAM DEHART, American born, 5 feet 7 inches and a half high, has brown curled hair, by trade a farmer, lived in Amity township, Berks county, aged 19 years

JOHN REES, Captain.

N. B. If any of the above deserters return to their company in eight days from the date hereof, shall be pardoned.---All persons are hereby forbid harboring or concealing either of the aforesaid deserters, under the penalty of Fifty Dollars for every such person.

Dunlap's Pennsylvania Packet or, the General Advertiser, March 11, 1776.