

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Leeton (Leaton) S41756

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State of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this 10th day of April 1819 before me, the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas for said County personally appeared Benjamin Leaton aged fifty-nine years, resident in said County and State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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 Benjamin Leaton enlisted for the term of 18 months on the about [sic] the 15 day of February in the year 1779 in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Tarlton Payne of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the month of July 1781 when he was discharged from service in Williamsburg – State of Virginia that he was in the battle of or Siege of Savannah [presumably the engagement from September 16-October 18, 1779] & Battle or Siege of Charlestown [Charlestown South Carolina surrendered by General Benjamin Lincoln to the British: May 12, 1780] and there taken prisoner 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 service.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Leeton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Leaton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Benjamin Leaton".

District of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this 3rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record (by having the power of fine and imprisonment) for the said district and County of Brown Benjamin Leeton aged sixty-two years this month resident in Brown County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows That he served in the Company commanded by Captain Tarlton Payne and Regiment commanded by Richard Parker and line of the State of Virginia and his original declaration was made on the 10th day of April 1819 and received a pension Certificate numbered 12.178 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
Debts due this declarant \$30, This declarant by occupation is a farmer not of ability to do more than one 4th labor no family living with him

S/ Benjamin Leaton¹

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 10, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ handwriting identical to the handwriting of the document itself and consequently unlikely to be the actual signature of the veteran – it also does not match the signature copied above