

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Dias (Dice): S42161

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Pennsylvania To wit

Be it remembered that on the twenty fifth day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, personally appears George Dias a man of Colour aged fifty six years resident in Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania who being by me first duly sworn according to law maketh oath, 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 during the revolutionary war" That he the said George Dias inlisted in queen Anne's County State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain John Hawkins attached to the fifth regiment commanded by Col William Richardson, that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the peace in 1783 when he was discharged but did not obtain a written discharge. That he was in the battle of Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 15 July 1779], was taken prisoner at Elizabeth Town in 1779 [Elizabethtown NJ, 6 June 1780?] and escaped from the enemy the same night, at a most inclement season of the year when he was suffering from wounds received from the Brittish 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

Eastern District of Pennsylvania SS:

On this fourteenth Day of July 1820. personally appeared in open District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, being a Court of Record for the said District, George Dias or Dice, aged fifty nine Years, resident in the City of Philadelphia, in the 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 inlisted on or about the 20th Day of April in the year 1778. in Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland, in the fifth Maryland Regiment of the Line, commanded by Captain John Hawkins. that he served five years and was discharged at the Peace, in the State of South Carolina at James' Island. that he is at present a Pensioner at the Rate of 8. Dollars pr. Month and has received a Certificate of that fact from the War Department under the signature of J. C. Calhoun, Secretary of War No. 17323. 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, 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 may be hereto annexed under Schedule, and by me subscribed. The Deponent states he is by trade a Shoemaker, but is so poor and sickly that he cannot earn any thing. That he has only one son still learning a Trade. And who is now with him having been sick with Typhus Fever for a long Time. he is about 18 years of Age. That he is now growing old, and having been wounded, his Wound causes him much Trouble. George Dies

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The Deponent states that he has no Property of any sort or kind whatever, which can yield him a farthing either now or hereafter. that he is so poor he has not had a Bed to sleep on for three years and his whole personal Property consisting of a few Instruments of his Proffesion, he carries about with him in a small Bag George Dies