

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Leek S42853

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Cayuga County New York: I William Leek of the town of Locke County of Cayuga and State of New York after being duly sworn do Depose and Say that I was a private Soldier in the Revolutionary war and that I actually served as such three years on the Continental Establishment I Listed [enlisted] first for the term of one year in the town of Shernoka [?]¹ in the State of Pennsylvania in Captain Smith's Company of Rifle men and in Colonel James Chambers Regiment – I went with our Regiment to Boston and from there to Long Island – where my first Enlistment expired. I then Listed at Long Island for the term of 2 years under Captain James Parris and in Colonel James Chambers Regiment of Riflemen – soon after (I enlisted in Captain Parris Company) our Company was attached to Colonel Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment of Riflemen and at the expiration of two years which I then Served – I was Discharged at the Camp near Piks Kill [sic, Peekskill?] – (after that I served two or three short Campaigns – at and about Schoharry [? Schoharie]²) and further I think the time of my first Enlistment at Shernoka was in the year 1775 and the time I was Discharged near piksill I think was in the year 1778 – the Regiment that I belonged to was called the first Continental Regiment of foot in the Service of the United States – and further that I am in such reduced Circumstances that I absolutely need the assistance of my Country for my support

S/ William Leek, X his mark

I certify that the above Affidavit was subscribed and sworn to this 16th Day of April 1818

Before me

S/ Silas Bowker, Judge of Cayuga Com. Pleas

State of New York, Cayuga County: SS

On this fifth day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County, William Leek aged 73 years, resident in Locke in said County, who, being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war

¹ Shernoka
² Schoharry

as follows: in Colonel Morgan's Regiment in the New York line, Captain Bear's [?]³ Company that the date of my original declaration is 10 April 1818.

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. And I do solemnly swear that my business has been that of a Weaver; but old age and bodily infirmities & particularly the newts [?]⁴ palsy disabled me from pursuing that or any employment & that my family consists of my wife Mary aged 72 years who is very sickly and infirm & requires much medical aid & my granddaughter Mary aged 13 years who lives with us to assist in our old days.

S/ William Leek, X his mark

Schedule

2 Cows, 8 Sheep, 1 Yoke of yearling Steers, 3 swarm of bees	\$44.00
1 kettle, 1 tea kettle, 1 latte, 2 plates, 5 tea cups & saucers	2.00
3 chairs, 1 Catle [?], 1 waste tub, 2 tanells [?], 1 shovel	2.
1 pr. of Andirons	<u>.50</u>
(Bedding & clothing all necessary)	\$48.50

S/ William Leek, X his mark

(Demands owing by Declarants)

Total in amount \$20.00

Subscribed to, and declared, on the 5th day of July 1820 before me

S/ John Beardsley, Judge of Cau. Com. Pleas.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 16, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: It does not appear that this veteran ever served in the South or ever lived in the South. I assume his application is indexed under the Virginia veterans erroneously and should have been indexed under the Pennsylvania veterans or New York veterans. The only theory I have as to how it ended up being indexed under the Virginia veterans is that the applicant refers to having served in Daniel Morgan's rifle Regiment.]

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Bear's

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