

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Gideon Viah S6311

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State of Ohio, Gallia County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Gallia County, Ohio, Gideon Viah, a resident of Adison [Addison] Township in Gallia County in the State of Ohio, aged seventy seven years on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say; That in or about the month of September A.D. 1777 being a resident of Augusta County Va he was drafted for a term of six Months as a common soldier; and thinks it was about the middle of the month of Sept. afd that he joined the Company commanded by Capt. John Hopkins - that there were five hundred men there raised of which his afd company formed a part who were under the command of Col. John Dickerson & all of whom were ordered to rendezvous at Fort Randolph at the mouth of the Great Kanuhwa [Kanawha] River where it was expected that Genl. Hand from Fort Pitt would join them to go against the Shawnee Nation of Indians with fifteen hundred regulars - that he marched in said Company with said troops to Fort Randolph where they remained until the forepart of the month of Dec. following when Genl. Hand who had previously arrived at Fort Randolph from Fort Pitt dismissed the Militia and went with them to Augusta Co. That he the said Gideon arrived at home about a week before Christmas and rendered no further service under that Draught [sic, Draft].

That on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February A.D. 1778, or about that day at Staunton in Augusta Co Va where he still lived, he was again drafted for the term of twelve months - that a few days afterwards he went to Winchester, the place of rendezvous marched with the troops then raised in Augusta to the Valley Forge where he then joined the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Green & in the company commanded by Capt. Nathan Lamb - that sometime in the month of June following he marched with the afd troops to meet the British, who were then understood to be about to abandon Philadelphia, until he reached Correll's Ferry on Delaware River where he was confined by indisposition for two weeks or more during which time the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] was fought. After which time he went to Trenton where he was again confined for five or six weeks with the camp fever - after which illness, he immediately joined his afd Regiment

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<sup>1</sup> The HeritageQuest version of this application is too faint to read. The Fold3 version is better, but not great. Use the transcript with more than normal caution.

& Company at the White Plains in the State of New York. He thinks that while the troops were at the White Plains, the tenth Virginia Regiment was reduced to the Sixth Regiment, the reason of which he does not know - That sometime in the month of Sept. he marched with said Regiment to West Point where he thinks it was, placed under the command of Col. House which was under the command of Genl. Scott Brigadier & Genl. Israel Putnam commander in chief at that place - That afterward he went to Pitts Town in the Jerseys and about the first of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779 he was appointed one of a Guard selected to guard the baggage of a Hessian Genl. by the name of Reidsdale, from that place to a place near Charlottesville in Va which service he performed when his years service expired he was dismissed and returned home.

That in the fall of the year 1780 at Rockingham Co Va where he then lived he was again drafted for a term of three months—that he immediately joined the Company commanded by Capt. John Rush & marched to Richmond Va where he remained in service for two months in said company when he was again dismissed and returned home.

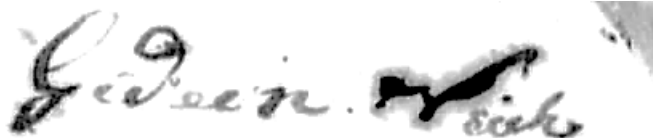
That sometime in the month of Dec 1780 he volunteered as a soldier in the Company commanded by George Riddle who was under the command of Col Nall & marched from Rockingham Co by Richmond to Suffolk, in the neighborhood of which place he continued to serve for a few days more than three months when he was again dismissed. Genl Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] being in Camp at that place.

That in the month of June 1781 five hundred Mounted men were raised in Rockingham Co Va to go in pursuit of Cornwallis who had then just left Richmond, that he joined one of the Companies composing of said five hundred mounted Riflemen commanded by Capt. John Rush—that said troops were under the command of Col Benjamin Harris [probably a mistaken reference to Benjamin Harrison] of Rockingham -- that he with said troops marched by this way to Richmond to Williamsburg in which region of country he served with [?] troops twenty days exclusive of the period of going and returning which took seven or eight days when they were dismissed and returned home. At the time he *[unfortunately, the balance of this page is largely illegible as a result of the ink fading and the ink from the opposing page bleeding through to obscure the words. I think I can make out that he stated he was born November 25, 1755; that after the Revolution he moved from Rockingham County, Virginia to Bath County Virginia where he resided nearly 30 years until 1818 when he removed to Gallia County Ohio.]*

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 11th day of August A.D. 1832

S/ Gideon Viah

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gideon Viah". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ Francis LeClercq, Clk C. C. P. G. C.

[Samuel Entsminger of Addison Township, Gallia County, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year 8 months and 20 days service as a private in the Virginia service.]