

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Leake S8843

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State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 19th day of March 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Albemarle William Leake a resident of the County of Albemarle aged seventy-three years who being 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 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the Army of the United States in the month of March in the year (he thinks) 1778. That Captain John Marks commanded the Company in which he served and that Samuel J Cabell was the Major and William Davis [William Davies] the Colonel that he joined the 14th Regiment. His Regiment joined the Army at Valley Forge not far from Philadelphia. He was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. He resided in the County of Albemarle when he was drafted for the term of 12 months. That he served for the space of 12 months and was discharged at the Hospital in Brunswick (New Jersey). He received a written discharge but he has lost the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

He also served in the Militia about two months in the year 1777 he joined the Troops at Richmond, then marched to Williamsburg and from that place he went to Hampton and then returned to Williamsburg where he was discharged he thinks General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] was attached to the Army, the names of his Captain & Lieutenant & Subalterns he does not now recollect his memory being impaired by [the bottom of the page of this document has been damaged and partially torn with text missing] that he served a tour of [again, text missing at the bottom of this page]

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Year 1781. That Captain Thompson commanded the Company Nathaniel Garland was that Lieutenant and the said applicant William Leake was in Ensign he was discharged in the County of New Kent his Commission as an Ensign he returned many years ago to the Court of Albemarle County.

S/ William Leake



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm B. Harris

Interrogatories propounded by me as Justice of the peace

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born the first of October 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. The record of my age was kept in a family Bible and was left with my youngest Brother

3rd Where were you living when called into service?

Answer. In the County of Albemarle

4th : Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In the County of Albemarle

5th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. In the two months tour I went in the place of my father and in the 12 months tour I was drafted.

6th State who were your Officers according to your present recollection

Answer Captain Marks, Major Samuel J Cabell and Colonel William Davis

7th Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a Commission as Ensign as already stated, but I do not recollect by whom it was signed, and I think I gave it up to the Court in Albemarle many years ago.

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what has become of it.

Answer. In the two months tour I received a discharge but I do not know what has become of it

9th State the Names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify to your veracity.

Answer. William Boyd, William B Harris, Isaac Paul, James Hart, Francis B Hart, Nathaniel Garland, Doctor Charles Cocke, Isaac Coles, Tucker Coles and all my neighbors.

10. Are you able to go to Court to make your declaration

Answer I am not able from bodily infirmity.

S/ William Leake

[Isaac Paul, a clergyman, and James Hart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 4, 1834 leaving a widow, her name not given, and the file contains no reference to any children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]