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Pension Application of William Deshazo W1832 Jane Deshazo VA
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State of Virginia Henry County to Wit

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Henry now sitting William Deshazo a resident of the County aforesaid & state of Virginia aged seventy three years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the winter of 1777 he enlisted under Capt Henry Dudley [pension application R13891] for the term of three years, and immediately there after was attached to second Virginia State Regiment, commanded by Colo. Gregory Smith that he marched in the said Regiment to Valley Forge and was attached to the Brigade of General Mhulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. that he was in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and was at the attack on Stoney Point on Paulus's Hook [sic: see endnote] that he continued in the service in the said Brigade until the spring of 1780 when he received his discharge at Williamsburg. the applicant further states that he surrendered his discharge to the Land office at Richmond when he received his land warrant & that he continued in the service for the term aforesaid

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, or (if on any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia

Sworn and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid – William hisXmark Deshazo

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Sept. the 20th 1782

Gent'l. Please to send me a Land Warrant by Mr. Lewis Smith and you will oblige your Humbler Ser't
William Deshazo
Mr. Treasurer

William Deshazo a Soldier of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment having served the Term of Three years for which he was Enlisted is hereby Discharg'd the service Given under my Hand at Williamsburg this first day [illegible] 178[?]

W Brent [William Brent] Colo.

Copy/ J. Pendleton Jr.

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Henry County]

To the honorable the general Assembly of Virginia

The petition of William Deshazo of Henry County Va most respectfully sheweth, that during the revolutionary war he enlisted and served as a private soldier in the Virginia State line the full term three years that he did his duty faithfully and was honorably discharged at the end of his term. Your petitioner states that the soldiers were promised land in compensation for their long and arduous services – and that he your petitioner on the 8th day of December 1792 obtained a warrant for one hundred acres of land directed to the principal surveyor of lands set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia. our petitioner states that he has been desirous of locating his warrant but has understood that the lands assigned to the Officers and Soldiers of this Commonwealth have by the laws of the State within whose limits it now is been appropriated otherwise and that tthereby the soldiers – who had devoted the prime of their lives to the service of their country in perilous and glorious war, have been

deprived of that bounty intended for them by a generous and magnanimous government – and unless your honorable body interfere they will loose the reward they won by their valour & patriotism. Under these circumstances yr. petitioner appeals to you & asks the value of the land promised or such other relief as may to you seem proper & as bound in duty he will forever pray William Deshazo

Dec 10th 1828 ref'd to Claims/ 1829 Jany 1 Rejected/ 3 Reported

NOTES:

Stony Point NY and Paulus Hook NJ are about 100 miles apart and were the sites of two different American victories on 16 July and 19 Aug 1779, respectively.

William Deshazo's pension certificate notes that he died 27 April 1839.

In Henry County on 29 July 1848 Jane Deshazo, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married William Deshazo in Nov 1794 and that he died 24 April 1839. George K. Deshazo certified the marriage. On 15 Sep 1855 in Henry County Jane Deshazo applied for bounty land, giving her age as 85 and stating that as Jane King she married William Deshazo in Person County NC, but she could not recall the date. The application was sworn before John King, a Justice of the Peace. The file includes a copy of the bond signed by Thomas Halliburton and William Deshazo in Person County on 5 Nov 1794 for the marriage of Deshazo to Gincy King.