

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Leach (Leitch) W24521 VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 22 Aug 2020.

The Declaration of Mary Leach, made this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Law of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838

She declares that she is now about 71 years old, that she was married to Andrew Leach of Stafford County Virg'a on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1786, that he was a continental soldier & thinks he was enlisted by one of the Mountjoys of said County, and went to the South, servd many years, She was married by Parson Buchan at his House at the old Glebe [illegible word] Potomack Church & her Husband died in 1814 & since has remained a widow. She further states that her children has rec'd her [bounty] Land 100 acres & sold it about three years ago as will be seen by reference to the Gov't. Land Office Washington. Subscribed & sworn to the day & year above written.

Sworn to by the said Sarah Leach before the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia  
W. Cranch

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Mr. James E. Heath

Dear Sir you have now enclosed Mr. Solomon Gallahorn [Solomon Gollyhorn S6907] Certificate relative to my Dec'd Fathers Estate for Services ren'd. during the Revolutionary War at the time he gave the Certificate he was very Ill, and our anxiety to Procure the same will account for the Error that occurred in the same. Mr. Towson's[?] respecabeely[?] added to Mr. Brooks. Both near Neighbours. I Trust under our Forme Papers will enable us to get the Balance of Land due our Venerable Parent for his Services ren'd Virginia in the Revolution'y War. I have not Language to express my kind Feelings towards you. My Venerable old Mother and her Helpless Family & Daughters for your kind Intereference in Procureing for us what we have rec'd. May Heaven reward you is our Continual. [the rest missing at bottom of page]

Stafford County State of Virginia/ March 8 1831

I Charles Peyton aged upwards of Sixty Nine years being called on the state my knowledge respecting the services rendered by Andrew Leach Dec'd Late of Stafford County in the Revolutionary War.

[undeciphered] I well knew Andrew Leach from my youth until his Death, he Andrew Leach to my knowledge served in the Revolutionary War as a Soldier in the Virginia Line. I have always understood from Mr. Leach he was a Soldier in said Line, and I do believe he served upwards of Eighteen Months. I add Mr. Leach Lived to a good old age and for many years previous to his Death Filled the High Character of a Useful Babtist Minister of the Gospel in which character the Left this World; understanding as I do Mrs Mary Leach is about making application for the Bounty Land due Andrew Leach from the State of Virginia. I well know Mary Leach the Present applicant was the Wife of Andrew Leach Dec'd and is his Proper Representative. as witness my and and seal Charles Peyton

I Soloman Gollahorn aged about eighty eight years well knew Andrew Leach Late of Stafford County Virginia and state he did Enlist as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War for the Term of three years and served for that period. his Usefull and Well Spent Life for many years previous to his Death as a Babtist Minister of the Gospel is the Best Proof he rec'd an Honourable Discharge given under my hand and seal Soloman hisXmark Gollahorn

PS. Mary Leach of Stafford was the wife of Andrew Leach Dec'd and I believe she is now Living in said County Soloman hisXmark Gollahorn

[10 March 1831]

I Solomon Gollahorn of the County of Stafford and state Virginia do hereby Certify. I formerly gave a Certificate relative to Services rendered by Andrew Leach Dec'd during the Revolutionary War. at the Time I gave the Certificate it was for the Term of Three years. (at the Time I gave said Certificate I was very ill. confined to a Sick Bed I now state I was well acquainted with Andrew Leach at the time he enlisted in the Virginia Line and his enlistment was for during the war. And that he never rec'd any Discharge until after the Peace was Proclaimed.

given under my hand this [blank] Sept 1831

Solomon his Xmark Gollho

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists an Andrew Leech/ age 19/ height 5' 9"/ light hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born in Spotsylvania County/ residing in Stafford County where he was drafted on 21 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized 25 Aug 1781.

A document from the General Land Office states that the bounty land issued by Virginia on 18 June 1831 was in the following names: "Elizabeth Craig formerly Elizabeth Leitch, Nancy Leitch, Sarah Stanley formerly Sarah Leitch, and Mary Belinda Leitch, Angelina Leitch, and Emeline Virginia Leitch the only children and heirs of John Leitch who was one of the children of Andrew Leitch, which said Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah, and John were the children and heirs of the said Andrew Leitch who served three years as a private in the Continental line."

On 7 June 1839 Charles Peyton made the following statement: "I was at the wedding dinner given by Mildred Pilcher to her daughter Mary Pilcher on the occasion of her marriage to Andrew Leitch. I was not at the wedding but am perfectly sure that the parties above mentioned were lawfully married by Robert Buchan a protestant minister living at the Glebe in the county of Stafford. This marriage took place to the best of my recollection on the 18th day of July 1788." On 23 June 1840 Peyton, at age 79, wrote as follows: "[H]e was at the wedding party of the Rev'd. Andrew Leitch & Mary Pitcher at the House of her parents on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1787 or 1788, that they went to the House of parson Bucken to be married, at the Glebe in this county, and returned to her Fathers for the celebration, never doubting then, nor since, to his knowledge the legality of their marriage. He further states that himself was married about 2 years after, say in April 1789 at which time the said Leitch & wife had a child, & thinks it was Elizab'th now Mrs Craig."

A letter dated 14 July 1840 states that at the death of Mary Leitch the only surviving children were Elizabeth Craig, "53 years old or upwards," and Sarah Stanley, "not less than 36."