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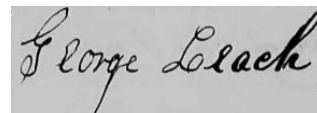
Pension Application of George Leach W27584

Ann Leach

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 Feb 2014.

I George Leach of Wood County Virginia do certify and declare That during the war of the revolution in the year 1777 I Enlisted in the service of my country under capt Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmonds] Co of Artilery in a regiment commanded by Col Thomas Marshall [illegible word or abbreviation] Regt of Virginia troops my enlistment was for three years and I served the three years and was legally discharged at Richmond Virginia in the year 1780. at the time of my discharge my former Capt Edmonds was the commandant of the regiment and I think I was discharged by a William Spiller who was Lieut commadant of the company at the time of discharge That I was at the time of my enlistment a resident of Faqueer [sic: Fauquier] County Va. That I removed from that Cty to Wood County Va where I have resided for the last twentyfive years. That I am now about seventy five years of age and have never received any pay from the State or General Government since my discharge, when I received my wages in paper money, which was worth little or nothing, but purported to be ten dollars per month. Which sum we were to receive with clothing and rations. If this statement in connexion with the accompanying documents entitle me to relief under the Act of Congress pass'd 1832 my country will receive the thanks of a old and grateful soldier



I Bailey Rice [pension application S39044] of Wood County State of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I was a soldier During the revolutionary war that I served under Col. John Greene from Culpepper county [sic: John Green from Culpeper County] Va. that during my service I well knew of George Leach (now of Wood County and here present) having enlisted under Capt Elias Edmons, who was a captain in Col Thomas Marshall Regt of Artilery, That he the said George Leach served as aforesaid three years to my certain knowledge that during said time Col Marshall resigned or vacated his office and the said Elias Edmons became the comadant of said regt I do not recollect or know the name of the capt he served after the promotion of Edmons, but I saw him frequently in the service and the last time I saw him in service was at a place call'd Hillsborough NC I think in the year 1780. I also state that I have been and am now a pensioner under the U S Law and regularly receive my pension at Richmond Virginia. That I have known George Leach ever since the revolution and for the last twenty four or five years we have both resided in their (Wood) county Va that I believe he has never received any kind of remuneration from the general or state government either by pension or otherwise, and that he is now a very poor man living with his wife amongst his children and as I believe suported by them

Baley hisXmark Rice

Thomas Leach [S8837] Brother of George Leach appeared before me and made oath that he lived with their father at the time George enlisted as set out by said George. That he well remembers that George served as he has stated the three years. that after George return he was drafted in the Va Militia and this deponent says he served in place of his brother George three months. that again after that, George again served in Militia some time and got wounded at Williamsburg Va. and returned home [see endnote]

Thomas hisXmark Leach

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On the cover of the report Singleton wrote, "Mr Edwards [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] Special attention is solicited to this case, comparison"]

George Leach serv'd. 3 yrs. has drawn \$324—  
this man has removed to Ohio. I met with no one who knew any thing of his services except his Brother Thomas Leach. – Thomas Proved George's services & George proved Thomas' – I am satisfied that Thomas' case is fraudulent, and therefore his evidence touching Georges services is not worth a copper in my estimation. connected with this circumstance is the fact that the Pension for George was procured by Henry L. Prentice [Henry L. Prentiss] a Member of the Virginia Legislature – which if right is the first of his cases that I have met with. Prentice has been doing a considerable business in the Pension way. I was unable to meet with any case in which he can be come at crimanly. – I suggest therefore that his pension be withheld until enquiry can be had – Leach's Declaration was made before Pentice at the County Seat of Wood. this fact unexplained is prima facia evidence of fraud.

W. G Singleton Decr.29, 1834

NOTES:

The statement Thomas Leach that George Leach was wounded at or near Williamsburg was independently confirmed by the pension application of William Figgins (R3536), who stated that he hired George Leach as a substitute, and by a supporting witness, William Owens (S16500).

George Leach's pension was evidently restored. On 16 Jan 1837 he applied to have it transferred to Jackson County OH where he had moved because "he had no property or income in Virginia, himself old and infirm and the most of his Children living in the state of Ohio."

On 26 Sep 1838 Ann Leach, 73, of Jackson County OH, applied for a pension stating that she married George Leach on 29 Dec 1785, and he died 20 Feb 1838. With her application she submitted a family register that is now largely illegible. In the transcription below details in brackets are from a typed transcription in the file. On an application for bounty land dated 12 Mar 1855 her age was given as 93, the place of marriage as Fauquier County, and her maiden name as Ann Bigbee. On 7 Apr 1870 Thomas W. Leach deposed that his mother, Ann Leach, died on 22 July 1856 at his home.

Sarah Dye her Book

George Leach and Ann Bigbee was married Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 178[?]

Fanny Leach Daug[hter] of the above George was born [8 Dec 1786]

Susannah Bigbee Leach] was born Nov [16 1788]

[Willis] Leach [illegible] Dec [16 1790]

[Luis Leach] born May [1] 1793

Thomas W[hiting] Leach was born Feb'y [17] 1797

[Amelia Leach was born 14 July 1799]

Mary Leach was born february 4 180[4]

George Leach was February the 14 180[illegible]