

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burdett Leach (Leech)¹ W3567 Judith Leach f46VA
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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this 10th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court for the County aforesaid now sitting for Ordinary purposes – Burdett Leach [sic] – a resident of Captain Guin's District in the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy years who being duly 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 7, 1832 –


That he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Artillery as a substitute for his brother George Leech about 7 October 1780 one year before the taking of Cornwallis, does not recollect the date precisely but he entered the Army at Little York, viz., under Captain Edmunds [probably Elias Edmunds], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall was marched to Williamsburg, and the British landed at Burrell's Ferry and drove them up into Albemarle County where they were joined by General Lafayette, and marched back to Williamsburg where they were stationed until we were joined by General Washington & we were then marched down to the siege of Little York and there my brother's time expired after I had served for him nine months was discharged by Captain Blackwell, Edmunds having been promoted to a Colonel he then entered as a volunteer in the Virginia Militia at York aforesaid under Captain John Banyon, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Churchwell, and served at York aforesaid under these officers until Cornwallis surrendered, 19th October 1781 and was discharged having served three months.

Served altogether Twelve months.

Does not recollect any person now living by whom he could prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state within his knowledge or belief.

S/ Burdett Leach



State of Georgia County of Franklin SS

On this 6th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for ordinary Purposes, the aforesaid Declarant Burdett Leach, who being

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sworn according to law on his oath makes the following addition to said Declaration to wit
XI That he is known to Nelson Osborn a clergyman and to Dennis Phillips a respectable Citizen both residing in his neighborhood, and who can testify to their belief of his age and the general belief in the neighborhood of his revolutionary services.

XIII. Declarant has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any one now in life by whom he could prove his services.

XVII.

1. Was born August 3, 1763, in Fauquier County Virginia

2. His age was recorded in the Register of his Father, which was left in Virginia in the possession of his brother Valentine.

Served Twelve months, Three months as a private in the militia, and nine months as a Gunner in the Artillery. That he served with a Corps regularly called into service by competent authority, that he was either in Garrison or in the field the whole time, and was no part thereof employed in any private pursuit, or civil capacity.

S/ Burdett Leach

[Nelson Osborn, a clergyman, and Dennis Phillips gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On January 18, 1853 in Franklin County Georgia, Judith Leach, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Burdett Leach, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him February 4, 1798 in Wilkes County Georgia; that they were married by a justice of the peace named Ritchens; that her husband died in Franklin County Georgia May 7, 1835 and that she remains his widow; that the best evidence he has of her marriage is the record of the birth of her 8 children viz. Betsey who was born in the year 1799, Polly in 1802, Patsey in 1805, Susan in 1807, Milly in 1810, Rachel in 1812, George in 1814, and William in 1816; that her name prior to her marriage was Judith Cook. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: family register:

Judith Cook Daughter of Joseph Cook and Rachel his wife was born the 12th day of August about 8 o'clock at night in the year of our Lord 1779

Betsey Leitch Daughter of Berditt Leitch and Judith his wife was born the 27th day of November in the year of our Lord 1799

Polley Leich was born the 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 1802

Patsey Leach was born the July 7th 1805.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Gunnar in the Virginia service for one year. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]