

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Drone W3785 Susanna Drone VA
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Fauquier County District and State of Virginia

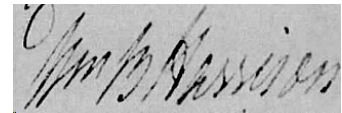
On this 25th day of May 1818 appeared before the County Court of Fauquier of the State of Virginia William Drone aged fifty six years resident in the County, State and District Aforesaid, who being first duly sworn in open Court according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said William Drone enlisted in January 1777 in the County of Loudon [sic: Lousoun] in the State of Virginia under Stephen Lewis a Cornet in a company of Cavalry commanded at that time by Captain John Rodolph [sic: John Rudolph] of the Corps of Horse commanded by Col. Henry Lee of the state of Virginia, that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States on continental establishment until the end of the Revolutionary War, when he was discharged verbally from service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the Battles at Guilford Ct House and Eutaw [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781; Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

William Drone

I do Certify that William Drone was a privit Dragoon in the Partizan Legion Com'd. by Lt. Colo. Henry Lee in the Revolutionary War & that he joint the said Legion some time in the year 1778 but the Precise time I do not perfectly Recolect not having the Books or Returns of said Legion to Refresh my Recolection but Recolect perfectly he was for During the War and Serv'd with fidelity and Honour as a good & faithfull soldier to the expiration of the same & was Honourably Discharged

Wm B Harrison [William Butler Harrison VAS1054]

Ensign to the Partizan Legion Com'd. by
Lt. Clo Henry Lee in s'd Revolutionary war
May 7th 1818
[Loudoun County]



Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Fauquier Virginia being a Court of Record made so by the Act of Assembly invested with common Law and Chancery Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and with the power of fine and imprisonment. keeping also a record of its proceedings William Drone aged fifty nine years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follow that he enlisted in Leesburg Virginia for the term of the war under Stephen Lewis a Cornett in a Troop of Cavalry commanded at that time by Capt John Rodolph and afterwards by Capt Farthing O[last name illegible; probably Ferdinand O'Neal] belonging to the Legion of Light Dragoons commanded by Col Henry Lee that he served upwards of four years and six months when he was discharged at Charleston South Carolina by a public order that he was in the Battles of Guilford Eutaw and in the Capture of several forts and various skirmishes that the evidences of his services will more fully appear by a reference to his declaration and the affidavit of Lieut. William Harrison filed in the War Office of the United States that his original declaration was made in the County Court of Fauquier Virginia on the 28th day of Mar 1818 that the annexed is the certificate of pension numbered 1,057 that he has received his pension under it up to the 4th day of March 1820.

I William Drone do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th

day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that is to say two horses six head of sheep six hogs two shovel ploughs three hoes and one ax seven chairs and one table &c. I Live upon a piece of Land rented from year to year. I have been unable to work for three or four years past from the weakness and infirmities of age attended by a painfull complaint in the Breast that my family consists of my wife Susanna 54 years old, and three sons named Richard, Henry, and Thomas aged sixteen years fourteen years and ten years and one daughter Eleanor aged twenty years that she is afflicted with a palsy and is able to perform a little House work occasionally at the less afflicting intervals of her disease that the support of himself his wife dughter and sons depend upon the labour of two of the last that their support is scant and is partly derived from the support assistanance of their nighbours that his circumstances require the aid of his country for his support. Amount property \$109.24
William Drone

NOTE: On 16 Oct 1838 Susanna Drone, aged 68 in the following January, applied for a pension stating that as Susanna Sheckells she married William Drone in Frederick County MD on 20 September 1786, and he died on 24 Feb 1824. Thomas M. Drone, 26, certified the death of William Drone. The file includes a record of the marriage license issued on 16 Sep 1786. On 4 July 1844 Susanna Drone stated that her husband had received a pension of only \$96 per year, that she was receiving a pension of \$100 per year, and that "if he was entitled to a hundred dollars a year while he was a drawing I respectfully ask for the difference as his widow."