

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Leonard W3834

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State of Virginia Augusta County: SS

On this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1842 personally appeared before John Wayt – a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Susannah Leonard (formerly Susanna Kendrick) a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years (widow of George Leonard deceased) who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838: That she is the widow of George Leonard deceased who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and who died 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1819 [date written over and uncertain, could be 1818 or 1817]<sup>1</sup>

She has frequently heard her husband the said George Leonard speak of his services during the War of the revolution, that he enlisted under Captain Belfield as a Dragoon but how long he served she cannot say, that he also served as a Waggoner and she has heard him say that John Hughes was the quarter master and Colonel Washington was the Colonel, she has heard him speak of the Battles he was engaged in, she thinks he was at a Battle at or near Savannah Georgia, she has heard him speak of being in other Battles but cannot speak definitively concerning any engagement owing to her bad memory, which is much impaired by age, that she was married to the said George Leonard in Berks County Hudlebury [probably Heidelberg ?] Township Pennsylvania by Parson Emanuel Shultz and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her above mentioned deceased husband, as will more fully appear from prove hereto annexed. That she removed to this County sometime in the year 1797 she thinks and has remained here ever since.

S/ Susannah Leonard, X her mark

[p 6: Certificate dated October 10, 1842 given by the clerk of court of Augusta County stating that the estate of George Leonard was probated February 9, 1820; that he died intestate and having made distributions to his children during his lifetime; that the children to whom he made distributions are as follows: George Leonard, Adam Leonard [? first name very faint and unclear], Susannah Leonard now Susanna Hildebrand, Elizabeth Leonard, all of the foregoing being over the age of 21; as well as the following minor children, Catharine Leonard, John Leonard, Margaret Leonard, Samuel Leonard, and Jacob Leonard.]

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This is to Certify that George Leonard of Heidelberg Township Berks County –  
Hath enlisted himself as a waggoner or team Driver to serve in the Army of the United States of  
America for the space of twenty-three months unless sooner discharged in consideration whereof  
he is to receive pay at the rates of ten pounds per month, and one ration per day and in case the  
said George Leonard produce a Certificate from the waggoner master of his good behavior after  
six months service he shall receive a suit of clothes provided his enlistment be for one year or  
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In witness whereof the parties have hereto set their hands this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1779  
S/ Jno. Hughes Q M 1<sup>st</sup> Regt L. D.  
S/ George Leonard

This is to Certify that George Leonard of Heidelberg Township  
Berks County --  
Hath enlisted himself as a waggoner or team Driver to serve in  
the army of the United States of America, for the space of twenty  
three months unless sooner discharged in consideration whereof  
he is to receive pay at the rates of ten pounds per month and one  
ration of day and in case the said George Leonard produce a certificate  
from the waggoner master of of his good behaviour after six months  
service he shall receive a suit of clothes provided his enlistment be  
for one year or more and in witness whereof the parties have here  
unto set their hands this twenty fourth day of Janry 1779  
Jno Hughes Q M 1<sup>st</sup> Regt  
L D  
George Leonard

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I do Certify that the Bearer George Leonard has not received his pay, or any part of it, as  
a Waggoner, agreeable to his Enlistment from the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1779, to the first day of  
July 1780 which is due you.

Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781  
S/ J. Belfield

Capt. & Pay Master to 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. L. D. [Light Dragoons]

I do Certify that the Bearer George Leonard has not Received his  
 pay, or any part of it, as a Dragoon, agreeable to his Indentment,  
 from the twenty fourth day of November One thousand seven hundred  
 and seven, till the first day of July One thousand seven  
 hundred and eighty one. Which is due. Given under my hand this  
 tenth day of January One thousand seven hundred & Eighty  
 one.

J. BELFIELD  
 Capt. & Pay Master to 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. L. D.

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I do Certify that George Leonard served in the first Regiment Light Dragoons in the service of the United States of America the time for which he engaged as a good Soldier and an honest Man. Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781

S/ J. Belfield, Capt. L. Dragoons

I do Certify that George Leonard served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Light  
 Dragoons in the service of the United States of America  
 the time for which he engaged, as a good Soldier  
 and an honest Man. Given under my hand this tenth  
 day of January One thousand seven hundred & Eighty one

J. BELFIELD  
 Capt. L. Dragoons

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$95.83 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a Dragoon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington for 23 months.]