

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Leonard Drumheller W5265

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Virginia.

At a circuit superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Albemarle County the thirteenth day of October 1832

State of Virginia County of Albemarle, Sct.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before Lucas P. Thompson esq. Judge of the circuit, superior court of Law and chancery for the county of Albemarle, now sitting, Leonard Drumheller aged about seventy years, he supposes - who being first 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 5<sup>th</sup> [sic: 7<sup>th</sup>] 1832.

That he was born in Pensylvania, near reading. He does not know the date of his birth, as he has no family record. He removed to this county and state when he was a small boy and has lived here ever since. That he was drafted in the service in January 1781 and marched from the County of Albemarle under Capt. John Harris - Lieutenant Thomas Jones and ensign Wm Jarman — he marched to Richmond where he drew armes &c. thence to Williamsburg - thence to the half way house between York and Hampton where he was stationed some time and thence to Williamsburg and Richmond again where he was discharged in march 1781. He returned home, and in the month of May 1781 he was again drafted in the Militia and marched again from the same County under Capt. Mark Leake. He forgets the names of the subalterns. He marched to the neighbourhood of Richmond and joined the army under LaFayette and marched with the army under his command, towards the Rappahanock [sic: Rappahannock River], thence to the Racoon ford on the Rapidan where Gen'l. Wayne's troops from Pensylvania joined us [Anthony Wayne's, 10 Jun 1781], and marched through Orange and Louisa Counties, into the lower part of Albemarle on Mechunk creek and thence down the three notches road. The route of the army across the counties is still known by the road called the Marquis's road. He marched on down below Richmond. While he was in the service he was transferred from Capt. Leake's Company to Capt. Miller's. He marched down as Williamsburg and Hampton. He was detailed on the picket service generally, when he first entered the service under Capt. Harris he was a fifer. He got his discharge the last tour at the Morin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] and came home in the month of July 1781. He was again soon after detached in the minute service and rendezvous at Charlottesville and continued in said service untill after the surrender of CornWallis at York [19 Oct 1781]. he has lost his discharges. He has no documents but refer to the annexed statement of John Hogg [pension application R5105] and Micajah Bowen [S29643] who was in the service with him.

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Thereupon the following interrogatories were propounded to the said Leonard Drumheller — Question - Where and in what year were you born?

Answer - I was born in Barracks [sic: Berks] County Pennsylvania, near Reading the date not known precisely.

Q. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age.

Q. Where were you living when you were called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I lived in Albemarle county Va. and have lived in said County ever since the Revolution, where I now reside.

Q. How were you called into service? were you drafted? did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if so for whom?

Ans. I was drafted on every occasion.

Q State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served - such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. In the first tour I marched under Capt. John Harris, Lieut Ralph Thomas, Lieut. Thomas

Jones, and Ensign Wm. Jarman and General [Thomas] Nelson. the 2<sup>d</sup>. tour I marched in the company commanded by Capt. Mark Leake - the other officers not recollected.

Q Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. In the first tour I received a verbel discharge; in the 2<sup>d</sup>. tour I received a written discharge - from whom not now recollected, it is lost or mislaid.

Q State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood, and who can testify to your character as to veracity and their belief of your services as soldier of the Revolution

Ans. I refer to James Norvill and Thos. Norvill who know me and can testify as to my character as to my veracity and to [two illegible words] as to my services.

John Hogg being duly sworn saith - That he served with the applicant Leonard Drumheller under Capt. John Harris as stated in the foregoing declaration and was with him during the whole of that tour as stated in the foregoing declaration. That he knows that said applicant marched under Capt. Mark Leake again at the same time this affiant marched under Capt. [Nicholas] Hamner. they marched together until this affiant was transferred to the light infantry and after that he saw no more of him, till he saw him again in the service at Charlottesville as minute man from the first of August 1781 till the latter part of October of same year.

Micajah Bowen, being duly sworn, saith: That he marched with the applicant Leonard Drumheller under Captain John Harris and served out the tour as stated in the foregoing declaration. That he marched with him again under Captain Mark Leake and served out that tour with him and was discharged at Morvin hills with him.

NOTE: On 3 Jan 1844 Anna Drumheller applied for a pension, stating the following: that she was born on 30 Jan 1781; that she was married to Leonard Drumheller in 1800 by Parson Irvine, a Presbyterian minister, in Albemarle County at the home of her father, Nehemiah Hundley; that their first child, Samuel, was born 1 Mar 1801; and that her husband died 22 Oct 1841. On 21 May 1853 the marriage was certified by E. Ames, Addison Gentry, Adam Drumheller, and Jacob Drumheller. Annie Drumheller's application for bounty land, dated 5 Mar 1855, gives her age as 73, and it was witnessed by Jacob Drumheller and Eli Ames.