

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Leach¹ W5313

Elizabeth Leach

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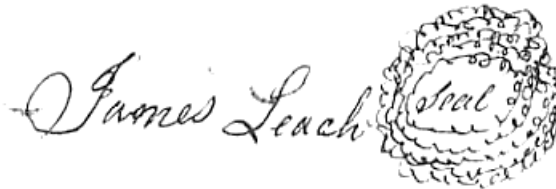
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Know all men by these presents that I James Leach of the County of Orange in State of North Carolina a Sergeant in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment in the late revolutionary war and now engaged in the occupation of Farming, do constitute ordain and appoint the Honorable Richard Stanford my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to apply and receive at the war office of the United States my Bounty Land Warrant or other rights dues and allowances made to me for my Services by any act or Resolve of Congress heretofore passed – Ratifying and affirming all that my said attorney shall, or may think proper to do in my behalf in furtherance of said business and recovery in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th of September 1800

S/ James Leach {Seal}

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James Leach". To the right of the signature is a circular seal impression, which appears to be a wax seal or a similar embossed mark, containing the word "Seal" in the center.

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State of North Carolina County of Orange: SS

On this the 28th day of April in the year of our Lord 1842, Elizabeth Leach, a resident of said County aged 81 years who being first 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, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows."

This Declarant states upon her said oath that she is the widow of James Leach, who was, a private of Infantry in __ Regiment in the Virginia Line, during the War of the Revolution.

This Declarant would here State, that in consequence of her not being married to the said soldier till after the close of the Revolutionary War, and in consequence of said James Leach having died upwards of 39 years ago her recollection of her Deceased husband's revolutionary Services is but imperfect; but to the best of her recollection and belief her Deceased husband, the aforesaid James Leach, did enlist into the United States Service, as a private Soldier in the war of the Revolutionary [sic] in the __ Regiment of the Virginia Continental troops sometime in the

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