

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Reagan (Ragan, Regan) W5689 Lydia f75VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/11/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Pittsylvania County, to wit:

On this 17th day of February 1841 personally appeared before Drury Blair a Justice of the Peace for said County and State aforesaid, Lydia Reagan a resident of Pittsylvania County in the State aforesaid, aged eighty-eight years, who 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 7th, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Daniel Reagan who entered the service of the Revolution as Lieutenant in the year 1776. He acted as Quarter Master and Captain while in the Army, he was discharged by General Peter Muhlenberg in the month of November 1781 that identical discharge was kept by her husband the said Daniel Reagan as long as he lived. She frequently read it after his death it was used by one of her daughters as a Slip to spell on

she further declares that she was married to the said Daniel Reagan on the 4th day of September in the year 1782 that her husband the aforesaid Daniel Reagan died on the 7th day of January 1812 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place prior to the 1st day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated. He lived in the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia when he entered the Service of the Revolution we [were] married by Parson Hunter in the County of Montgomery in the state of Maryland lived some time in the County of Loudoun Virginia, moved into the County of Pittsylvania and lived there to the day of his death.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before
S/ Drury Blair, JP S/ Lydia Reagan, X her mark

[f p. 5: in a supporting affidavit, William Dixon, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution, gave testimony that he lived in the same County as the veteran and his wife and was well acquainted with them after the revolution; that the veteran often told him that he served several years as Lieutenant, quarter master and Captain during the revolution and that he, the veteran, married Lydia Campbell the daughter of Colonel Enos Campbell of Montgomery County Maryland.]

[f p. 18]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol.

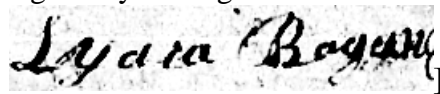
10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 6th day of June 1783 in the name of Daniel Regan as Sergt. of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £117.12.7 and was delivered to Capt. Booker but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
26th day of <arcj 1851.

S/ Ro Johnston
First Auditor

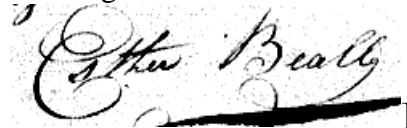
[No Seal of Office]

[f p. 9: On November 19, 1816, the widow, while living in Pittsylvania County Virginia, executed a power of attorney authorizing her attorney to pursue her claims as the daughter of her deceased father Enos Cammel due her as one of his children under his estate. This document she signed Lydia Ragan



[Facts in file: the widow's father was Enos Campbell of Frederick County, Maryland; the widow died May 5, 1853; the veteran and his wife had the following children: Elizabeth, their oldest child, was referred to in 1845 as about 60 years old; John and Daniel were both living in 1816; there is also reference to James, Enos and Ann Campbell as children of Col. Enos Campbell.]

[f p. 12-13: letter from Esther Beall dated January 3, 1815 to Lydia Reagan in which she refers to her as "Dear Sister"; Esther makes reference to the arrival of Lydia son in Montgomery County [presumably Maryland] in which Esther says that the son "proceeded on to Ellieots on Thursday morning and returned home on Sunday evening with the new of his Brothers deth [death]...."



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$103.97 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia service for 7 months & 26 days; her pension was increased to \$184.97 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]

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Addendum to Daniel Reagan (Ragan, Regan) W5689

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 Jan 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Ragan, Daniel.]

I Alexander C. Shackelford [Alexander Shackelford S7506] of the county of King & Queen and State of Virginia do hereby certify & declare that I enlisted on the 3rd day of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, as a fifer, in the Revolutionary war, under the command of Captain Charles Collier. On the 28th of the same month (February) I marched with Captain Colliers recruits to Williamsburg, and was placed in the Continental Barracks, where I remained 'till the completion of the Magazine or State Barracks, when I went into said Barracks and remained therein 'till the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight. Immediately after the receipt of orders to march the troops from Williamsburg to the north, captain Collier resigned, and captain Abner Crump [R13459] took command of the company in his stead. In the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight I marched, under the command of captain abner Crump, attached to the first Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500], to Valley Forge, where I was enoculated for the small pox. From Valley Forge I went to Monmouth. From Monmouth to stoney Point [sic: Stony Point]. From thence to White Plains, and from thence back to Philadelphia, where I stayed ten or twelve days and then returned to Virginia. After remaining with my friends[?] in King & Queen on a visit, three or four weeks, I went to Williamsburg to obtain my discharge (having served out my tour of three years and a little more) and was sent by the then Governor to Col. Allison [John Allison W4112] who was then in command at Petersburg & obtained my discharge from Col. Allison in July seventeen hundred and eighty one, but was taken very sick immediately after, and remained in Petersburg 'till after all the troops left there for the South. I then returned to King & Queen where I have resided ever since. I knew Daniel Ragan, who I believe, was raised in King William County, and who was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, in the first virginia State Regiment, commanded by Col. Geo. Gibson. Either Captain Jacob Valentine [X817] or Captain Thomas Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell BLWt2497-300] [part missing at bottom of page] going out with the first Regiment, to which I belonged. On my arrival at Valley Forge, where I joined my company & Regiment, I there met with the said Daniel Ragan, who was then in command as a Lieutenant. Shortly after that, the Quarter Master of his company, Mr. Charles Porter, died with the small pox and the said Daniel Ragan acted as Quarter Maser in his stead, the duties of which he continued to discharge 'till his return to Virginia in the Spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one. The said Daniel Ragan & myself were in service together at Valley Forge, Monmouth, Stony Point, white Plaines & Philadelphia, from which last named place we set out on our return home, and marched together to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, where I left him in command as acting Quartermaster. I came on from there, with Majr. Meriweather [Thomas Meriwether BLWt1920-400], to Virginia and have no recollection of ever seeing the said Danial Ragan afterward. as witness my hand and seal, this 7th day of November A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Alexander C. hisXmark Shackelford