

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacques Delahair Decoutures: X207

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Napoléon by the grace of God and the constitution of the Republic, Emperor of France

To all present and to come, greetings:

Before Joseph Louvet, notary public of the Department of Calvados at the residence *dahotol*, District of Pont-l'Éveque *Youniqué*.

Appeared Mister Jacques Delahair Decoutures, member of the Society of Cincinnati, believed to be originally from Auge, Department of Calvados, now residing at Bauvron au Auge, District of Pont-l'Éveque, the aforesaid Department of Calvados, living there permanently... having served first as a volunteer in the Legion of Count Pulaski, Polish Brigadier General, commandant of the said Legion, as a Cornet or Second Lieutenant at Charleston, South Carolina, without, however, having been breveted, because the said Pulaski had the misfortune to be killed at the Siege of Savannah in the state of Georgia [11 Oct 1779] instead this declarant was a very short time after nominated to the rank of Second Lieutenant, which Legion corps was afterwards incorporated into the Legion of Colonel Armand [Charles Armand, born Armand-Charles Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie], where the declarant continued his services in the same way as Second Lieutenant, and was later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Light Dragoons in the aforesaid Legion, then named aide-de-camp for the Marquis de La Rouerie, before he was Brigadier General of the entire American cavalry.

Therefore, in consideration of which services it was accorded the declarant, as to other officers and soldiers who find themselves in his circumstance, a pension for life, that he declined the benefit in preference for a continuance of the said pension following the choice he had by the resolution taken by Congress.

Additionally it was accorded, by the same title of compensation, to all the said officers, an amount of land determined by survey, that one part was granted to the declarant, but not to him or the others warrant of title.

All these facts are of the utmost truth, but because of the effects of the French Revolution and of the present war, the declarant being at the moment not in a condition to be able to present his certificates in a form to establish the accuracy and truth of his statement, he begs the curators at the Department of War at Philadelphia or another place where the archives of the War Department at the time in question are deposited, that they kindly make all the necessary searches of the records to discover the declarant's services and payments, and at last the truth of his [several illegible words] or within his power to render the Justice that is due him.

He likewise begs the holders of the Membership Office of the Society of Cincinnati to act likewise, and to verify if the original of his diploma signed Knox exists.

[The file includes a power of attorney granted to René Delahaïr, his nephew.