

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Legg X456

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State of Virginia County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] towit

On this 20 day of April [1846] personally appeared in open court before the court of the aforesaid County now sitting Nancy Brown wife of Francis Brown and who was Nancy Legg, Hannah Legg, and William Legg by their friend M. N. Walton and made the following declaration in order to obtain the pension due to them from the General Government on account of the services of their deceased father William Legg formerly of Prince William County Va but later a citizen of Culpepper County Va. in the war of the Revolution under the act of congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated – that he was drafted for the service in the fall of the year 1780 and marched in service from Dumfries in the County of Prince William Va about the first of October 1780 under Captain John Britt of said County of Prince William Va. and [Solomon] Ewell & [Cuthbert] Peyton were subordinate officers under said Captain John Britt to Fredericksburg Richmond Petersburg and Roanoke [Roanoke River] Virginia and from Roanoke to Hillsborough to Salisbury North Carolina and to Cheraw hills South Carolina [20 Dec 1780] and served six months in said tour beginning as before stated in the fall of 1780 and continuing throughout the entire winter of 1780 and ending in the spring of the year 1781 as will fully appear by reference to the accompanying certificates of Mr. Daniel O'Rear [pension application S7376] and Mr Daniel Cole [S8236] who were privates in the said Captain John Britts Company to the South in said tour of six months. for which they the said Nancy Brown, Hannah Legg, and William Legg hope the department will allow a pension

State of Virginia } to wit
County of Culpepper }

I Daniel Cole of the County and State aforesaid certify under Oath to the following facts in relation to the services of Mr. William Legg (Dec'd) late of the aforesaid County & State in the war of the Revolution I recollect distinctly that Mr. Legg did serve with me a six months tour to the South under Captain John Britt of Prince William County Virginia. Farrar [sic: William Farrow], Ewill [sic], Peyton and [Philip] Conner were subordinate officers in the said Company. I knew Mr. Legg well before this service to the South began he was then a married man living in my neighbourhood in the County of Prince William Virginia and his wife had three children. I was born in the said County of Prince William Va. and Mr Legg and myself entered the service together and continued together throughout the entire term of six months to the South. This term of service began in the fall of the year 1780 and continued through the winter of said year of 1780 and ended in the Spring of the year 1781 This tour to the south was known to be a six month term before the draft was made, our said Company and Captain Britt entered the service about the first of October 1780 and marched from Dumfries in Prince William County Virginia to Fredericksburg thence to Richmond where our Company drew their arms and from Richmond our Company went on to Petersburg and from Petersburg to Roanoke where our company halted for about three weeks waiting for orders. orders at length came and our company marched on to the South from Roanoke our company marched on by Hillsborough Charlottesville Salisbury Guilford Court House [sic: Hillsborough, Guilford Courthouse, Salisbury, Charlotte] in N. Carolina and so on to Cheraw hills in

South Carolina and after the expiration of this tour of six months to the south under said Britt in the spring of the year 1781 Mr. Legg being a man of family he left the company and came on home to Prince William County Virginia where he left his wife and Children when he entered the said service to the South, after our company was discharged I with many of our company volunteered under General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] to guard the prisoners called Morgans [prisoners captured by Gen. Daniel Morgan's troops at the Battle of Cowpens, 17 Jan 1781] to the barracks in Albemare [sic: Albemarle County] Virginia after which I returned to my home in Prince William County Va. Mr Legg continued in Prince William for several years after the service & then removed to Culpepper County Va. where he died several years ago. I am now upwards of eighty two years of age

[Certified by court on 8 Mar 1846]

[signed] Daniel Cole

NOTE: The court certificate for the first declaration states that William Legg died on 22 July 1833 leaving no widow.