State of Virginia  
Lewis County  
on this 29 Day of november 1833 personally appeared before me the  
signer a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Lewis and state of  
Virginia Abraham Deviese a resident of the said County of Lewis and State of Virginia aged 87 years 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 the 7 1832. That he entered the service of the united states  
under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the year 1777 Declarant thinks  
about the first day of August he volunteered his services in defence of his Country in the City and  
County of Philidelphia in the state of Pennsylvania and was placed under the Command of Capt George  
Anderson Lieutenant Robert Duncan Ensign Charles Ames Declarant states that he was marched from  
Philidelphia aforesaid to Brandywine Creek within a few miles of the place where the Battle of  
Brandywine was fought Declarant states that in a few weeks after he arrived at Brandywine he was  
attached to General Greens Division who commanded the right wing of the Army at the battle of Brandywine. Declarant states that he remained at Brandywine until the main Battle of Brandywine was fought Declarant states that after some skirmishes took place a warm engagement ensued in which the Americans suffered a severe loss. Declarant states that the Battle of Brandywine was fought on the eleventh of Sept 1777 as well as Declarant Recollects. Declarant states that several skirmishes took place in a few days after the main battle was fought at Brandywine. Declarant states that the army marched towards Philidelphia and remained in the neighbourhood of that place and encountered several skirmishes with the British and when the British took possession of Philidelphia which was about the twenty sixth of September 1777 as well as Declarant Recollects the army retreated towards Germantown and remained in the neighbourhood of that place until about the first of October 1777 at which time the American army attacked the British troops early in the morning of the fourth of October 1777 as well as Declarant Recollects. Declarant states that the Battle resulted in a severe loss to the Americans. The American army remained a short time in the neighborhood of Germantown and marched to Vally forge and there took winter quarters. Declarant states that he remained with the troops under the Command of Capt George Anderson until some time in the month of April 1778 at which time Declarant says he was discharged by his said capt George Anderson having served eight months as a private volunteer soldier. Declarant states that he has no Documentary Evidence by which he can prove his services neither does he know of the testimony of any one by whom he can prove them he is now very old and infirm.

he here by Relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.
5 I saw and became acquainted with Generals Washington, Green, Capts Anderson and Wilks the number of the ridgement to which I belonged I do not now recollect if the Reg't. that I serve ware Continental ones I do not recollect.

6 all my discharges are lost or mislayed they ware signed by the Capt George Anderson

7 I am known to Peter Stallman and Benaiah Depieu who can testify as to there belief of my age my character and there opinion of my having ben a soldier of the revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year Aforsaid

we Peter Stallman and Benaiah Depieu Residing in the County of Lewis and state of Virginia do hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Abraham Deviese who has subscribed and swore to the above Declaration that we believe him to be 87 years of age and that he is Reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he Resides to have bin a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

and I the said Justice of the peace Do hereby declare my opinion of the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war depart that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states and I the said Justice of the peace do further certify that it appears to me that Peter Stallman and Beniah Depiew who have signed the presiding Certificates are Residents of the said County of Lewis and state of Virginia and that they are Credible persons and that there statement is entitled to credit and I the said Justice of the peace further certify that there is no Clergiman Residing in the neighbourhood of myself in the matter of the application of Abram Deviese for a pention.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29 Day of November 1833

State of Virginia }  
Lewis County }  S.S.

I, John Talbott Clerk of this County Court of Lewis County aforesaid, do hereby Certify that Beniah Maze is a Magistrate as above, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Seal of Office at Weston this 2d day of December 1833 J. Talbott Clk

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated many pension applicants from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote “Not Entitled” on this report.]

Abraham Deviese Applicant.

Henry Depue [pension application R2893] a neighbor of Deviese says that Devese & himself made their declaration for pension at the same time before a Magistrate. that their Declaration was written by Wm L Mitchell. Depue recollects distinctly that Deviese told Mitchel at the time of making his declaration that he Deviese was a boy during the war of the Revolution and lived in New Jersey. that he was not enrolled in the Militia, nor did he ever do any service as a soldier in the war – that he road about on his horse watching the movements of the british Cavalry, and when ever he came near them he would
clear himself. Archabald Depue says he was also present when Mitchel wrote Devieses Declaration, and he recollects Distinctly that the foregoing statement given by his Father contains the substance of the communication made by Devise to Mitchel.

these statements were given on the 25th Dec’r 1834

a copy W. G Singleton/ Dec’r. 29, 1834