

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph De La Baume: R2856

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This day personally appeared before me Joseph De La Baume a resident of Bexar in the United States of Mexico [now Texas], and made Oath that he came over from France during the Revolutionary war of the British Colonies under the command of Gen'l. the Marquis de la Fayette as a Captain and that he commanded a company during the war of the Revolution, and that he was present and commanded his company in all the battles where La Fayette was present and at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. That he then obtained leave of absence from the Army to visit Louisiana, and during his stay there the Revolution broke out in France, which prevented his return to his native country. He resi[de]d in Louisiana until 1800, when he removed to his present residence which is thirty two years since. When the Revolution broke out at this place [1810] he was possessed of seven thousand Doubloons and twenty five thousand dollars in silver and large quantities of valuable plate, which was taken by the Royalists of this country, who suspected him of entertaining "liberal principles," and himself imprisoned and kept in Irons for seven months. No portion of his property has ever been returned to him. He is in his hundred and second year since the sixth day of the present month. He further states that he is very poor and is too infirm to labour and therefore prays that a pension may be granted as provided by the acts of Congress of the United States of America.

He further makes oath that all his official papers were taken and destroyed by the Royalists when he was take prisoner, as well as his private papers - and that his only reliance is upon official papers on file in washington City for the evidence necessary to his identity and the justice of his claim to a pension.

Done at Bexar 18th Jany 1833.

[signed] Joseph De La Baume