

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Leach W27584

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

I George Leach of Wood County Virginia do certify and declare That during the war of the revolution in the year 1777 I Enlisted in the service of my country under capt Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmonds] Co of Artillery in a regiment commanded by Col Thomas Marshall [illegible word or abbreviation] Regt of Virginia troops my enlistment was for three years and I served the three years and was legally discharged at Richmond Virginia in the year 1780. at the time of my discharge my former Capt Edmonds was the commandant of the regiment and I think I was discharged by a William Spiller who was Lieut commandant of the company at the time of discharge That I was at the time of my enlistment a resident of Faqueer [sic: Fauquier] County Va. That I removed from that Cty to Wood County Va where I have resided for the last twenty-five years. That I am now about seventy five years of age and have never received any pay from the State or General Government since my discharge, when I received my wages in paper money, which was worth little or nothing, but purported to be ten dollars per month. Which sum we were to receive with clothing and rations. If this statement in connexion with the accompanying documents entitle me to relief under the Act of Congress pass'd 1832 my country will receive the thanks of a old and grateful soldier
[signed] George Leach

I Bailey Rice [pension application S39044] of Wood County State of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I was a soldier During the revolutionary war that I served under Col. John Greene from Culpepper county [sic: John Green from Culpeper County] Va. that during my service I well knew of George Leach (now of Wood County and here present) having enlisted under Capt Elias Edmons, who was a captain in Col Thomas Marshall Regt of Artillery, That he the said George Leach served as aforesaid three years to my certain knowledge that during said time Col Marshall resigned or vacated his office and the said Elias Edmons became the comadant of said regt I do not recollect or know the name of the capt he served after the promotion of Edmons, but I saw him frequently in the service and the last time I saw him in service was at a place call'd Hillsborough NC I think in the year 1780. I also state that I have been and am now a pensioner under the U S Law and regularly receive my pension at Richmond Virginia. That I have known George Leach ever since the revolution and for the last twenty four or five years we have both resided in their (Wood) county Va that I believe he has never received any kind of renumeration from the general or state government either by pension or otherwise, and that he is now a very poor man living with his wife amongst his children and as I believe suported by them
Baley hisXmark Rice

Thomas Leach [S8837] Brother of George Leach appeared before me and made oath that he lived with their father at the time George enlisted as set out by said George. That he well remembers that George served as he has stated the three years. that after George return he was drafted in the Va Militia and this deponent says he served in place of his brother George three months. that again after that, George again served in Militia some time and got wounded at Williamsburg Va. and returned home
Thomas hisXmark Leach

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

George Leach serv'd. 3 yrs. has drawn \$324—

this man has removed to Ohio. I met with no one who knew any thing of his services except his Brother Thomas Leach. - Thomas Proved George's services & George proved Thomas' - I am satisfied that Thomas' case is fraudulent, and therefore his evidence touching Georges services is not worth a copper in my estimation. connected with this circumstance is the fact that the Pension for George was procured by Henry L. Prentice a Member of the Virginia Legislature - which if right is the first of his cases that I have met with. Prentice has been doing

a considerable business in the Pension way. I was unable to meet with any case in which he can be come at criminally. - I suggest therefore that his pension be withheld until enquiry can be had - Leach's Declaration was made before Pentice at the County Seat of Wood. this fact [two illegible words] is prima facia evidence of fraud. W. G Singleton Decr.29, 1834
Mr Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions] Special attention is solicited to this case, comparison

NOTES:

On 16 Jan 1837 George Leach applied to have his pension transferred to Jackson County OH where he had moved because "he had no property or income in Virginia, himself old and infirm and the most of his Children living in the state of Ohio."

On 26 Sep 1838 Ann Leach, 73, of Jackson County, applied for a pension stating that she married George Leach on 29 Dec 1785, and he died 20 Feb 1838. With her application she submitted a family register, now largely illegible, but a transcription is in the file. On an application for bounty land dated 12 Mar 1855 her age was given as 93, the place of marriage as Fauquier County, and her maiden name as Ann Bigbee. On 7 Apr 1870 Thomas W. Leach deposed that his mother, Ann Leach, died on 22 July 1856 at his home.