

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Moses Dean W4664

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State of Georgia, Washington County

On this 16th day of March 1840 personally appeared before me Samuel Robison one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for the County aforesaid Rachel Dean a resident in the 90th District in the County of Washington aged 71 years who after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled, an act granting half pay, and pensions to certain widows; That she is the widow of Moses Dean Deceased who was a private in the war of the revolution; that he this deponent's Deceased Husband first Entered the service of the United States as a substitute in Bluford County North Carolina [sic, Beaufort County?], and after serving a tour in that capacity he then Enlisted as this deponent verily believes in the regular Army, and there continued until the Battle at the Eutaw Springs in the year 1781 in which engagement he received a severe wound through one of his legs which are rendered him unfit for military service for the remainder of his life. This deponent's Husband Moses Dean was in the company commanded by Captain Anthony Sharp and in the Second North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong and also under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. Marched through North Carolina, South Carolina and was at one time in the fork of Briar Creek and Savannah River in Georgia this deponent cannot say positively how long her said Husband was in the Service of the United States having no Documentary proof at her control; (and this deponent would here remark that after her Husband was wounded at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs he was carried home by friends and never recovered in time to Join the Army and consequently received no discharge) but doth believe that he Entered the service in the year 1777 and continued up to the Latter part of the year 1781 – and doth believe that he was in more than one engagement but from the lapse of time and consequent loss of memory she cannot speak particularly of any but that which was fought at the Eutaw Springs the distresses occasioned her husband by the wound received in that battle is yet fresh in her recollection, a ball having passed through his leg fractured the bone, small pieces of which frequently would make its way through the flesh, caused it to remain in an unsound state up to his death, this deponent further saith that she has no documentary evidence by which she can establish the same, and that she is not able to appear in open court from old age and bodily infirmities.

She further declares that she was married to her husband Moses Dean on the 25th day of December 1786 and that there is no record proof of the same known to this deponent and that her husband Moses Dean died in the month of October 1817 and that this deponent still remains a widow as will appear fully by reference to the proof hereunto annexed – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

S/ Rachael Dean, X her mark

And in the presence of

S/ John Ivey

[Elizabeth Deen [sic, Dean], 50, widow of Joel Deen, deceased, reputed son of Moses and Rachel Deen, filed an affidavit in support of her mother-in-law's claim, saying she married Joel on February 22, 1821, that he died January 27, 1831.]

To All people whom it may Concern: Know ye

That I Moses Dean of the State of Georgia Washington County from Divers Good Cause and

Consideration hereunto me Moving have Constituted and Appointed my trusty Friend Jesse James [could be Jones] of the State & County aforesaid my true and lawful Attorney to Act & Transact for me & in my Name in all cases whatsoever Respecting tract of Land supposed to contain 640 acres Being a Bounty Given by the Honorable the Continental Congress for services done by me in the Time of the British & American War in the Second Regiment Commanded by Colonel James Armstrong & in the Company of Anthony Sharp the whole under the Superintendency & command of General Sumner Second Regiment from North Carolina giving unto my said Attorney full power & authority ...hereunto set my hand this 29th day of October 1807 – Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of
S/ Nobles Porter, S/ Moses Deen, X his mark
S/ Samuel Robison, JP

[In August 1845, Rachel Dean was living in Dale County, Alabama.]