Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to David Aiken VAS2191

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

[The online image of the following document is mostly illegible except for the following lines:] of March in the year 1777 Of this term of service Major John Hatcher [pension application W7677] will testify on his certificate hereto [undeciphered word]. of the first term of service Before the expiration of the 2nd term of service herein stated George Aiken [VAS2192] served with Maj'r William Cunningham

My brother marched from the North under the command of Col Gist [probably Nathaniel Gist BLWt1874-500] [several illegible words] the 10th Virginia Regiment and joined the american army near Charlestown in South Carolina at which place he was taken prisoner [12 May 1780], since which time no account has been had from, where he probably perished James Aiken

I hereby certify that I was present with David Aiken in the year 1777 when he [several illegible words] for the term of three year [several illegible terms] with him in the same Company [several undeciphered words] fought by his side in the battles of [several undeciphered words] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and in in many other actions he was under General [Daniel] Morgan in some of which David Aiken received wounds. I was also present when David Aiken enlisted for during the war [several illegible words] Smith & the [several illegible words] This enlistment was made in the fall of the year 1779 shortly after which David Aiken marched [several illegible words] to the southward and [several undeciphered words] on board of a prison ship [several illegible words] the Time David Aiken marched from the North to Join the Southern army. He had not received his pay or only a part of it for the three years term of service. The united states at that time were considerably in arrears to the troops nor do I think at all probable that David Aiken ever received his pay after He parted with me. This pay then must be due to him together with whatever back rations his country may think just to allow them. One circumstance I think it essential to mention that when David Aiken enlisted for during the War he enlisted as a sergeant These circumstances respecting David Aiken services I certify and of... this 25th Nov'r 1811 [Peter Francisco W11021]

I hereby certify that George Aiken served with me as a [several undeciphered words] and as a Sergeant which term of service commenced about the beginning of the year 1777

25th Nov 1811 This day Maj'r John Hatcher came before me one of the Justices of the peace of the county of Cumberland and made oath to the truth of the above... for the term of one year.

R. Green

25th Nov 1811. This day James Aiken came before me one of the Justices of the peace of the county of Cumberland and made oath that the statement that he has made respecting the Military services of [undeciphered] Aiken... Aiken. He the said James Aiken firmly believes to be in all respects a true one. [illegible signature]

Cumberland County December 6th 1811 This is to Certify that George & David Aiken were both engaged in the Army of the United States in the Virginia Regiment and I verily believe the statement made by James Aiken... their true time of service performed [signed illegibly]

Cumberland County Dec'r 23rd 1811 December Court.

This day James Aiken as heir at law of George Aiken and David Aiken presented to the Court of this County a Military Claim with the Justice of which claim the Court are perfectly satisfied A Copy/ [signature undeciphered]

It does not appear from the books in this office that a Warrant for land bounty has issued for the services of David Aikin.

Land Office/ 8th Jany 1812 [signed] Thos Blagrove Reg[iste]r.