Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Overstreet VAS353
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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Lancaster October [illegible] 1786

It is Ordered to be further Certified to the Auditors of Publick Accounts that Leannah Overstreet the widow of John Overstreet who was an Inhabitant of Lancaster County and who died as a Seaman in the Revenge Galley belonging to the Navy of this State about Thirty years of Age has five Children between the Ages Four and Nineteen Years and is in Indigent Circumstances.

A Copy Test Thad.s McCanty, Clk

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify That Leannah Overstreet widow of John Overstreet, who was a Seaman in the State Navy and died in the Service of this Commonwealth, is entitled to the Sum of Eight pounds yearly, to Commence from the first day of January 1786

> Given under my hand at Richmond P. Henry [Patrick Henry as Governor of Virginia]

Received September 22nd of the capture of of Lancaster County the within Pension for the year 1786 received by me

S/ Leanah Overstreet

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[Note: Most of the documents in this file are annual renewals of the pension due the widow, i.e.,

instructions to the Lancaster Sheriff to pay the pension and the widow's receipt for it.]