Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Valentine Leach VAS856 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

Fauquier County Sct.

This day personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Joshua Drummond and made oath that Valentine Leach now before me Served as a Sergeant in the revolutionary War for three years in the Virginia Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall and that he Valentine Leach enlisted under Captain Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmunds] and served his time out faithfully. Given under my hand this 7th day of February 1818

S/ Baldwin Bradford

Fauquier County Sct.

Valentine Leach made oath before me that he is the same Valentine alluded to in the above affidavit made by Joshua Drummond. Given under my hand this 7th day of February 1818 S/ Baldwin Bradford

[Letter addressed to Archibald Magill Esquire in the Assembly of Virginia at Richmond Gibson Store February 7th]

Fredericksburg Manasses Gate February 7, 1818

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find affidavits proving my service in the Revolutionary War.

I am by law entitled to land for my services and am told that it is yet to be had by applying to the land or war office at Richmond you will confer a singular favor on me by doing what may be necessary for me and bringing up with you the papers necessary for me to obtain my bounty if to be procured. I will see you immediately on your return and make you payment for any expenses & for your services besides, on the receipt of this, if there is anything more for me to do you will please inform me by mail, direct your letter to Post Office Gibson's Store Fauquier County.

I am respectfully Yours