

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

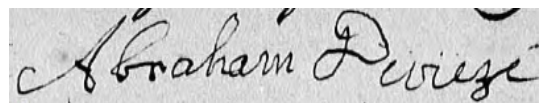
Pension Application of Abraham Devieze (Deviese) R2904
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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State of Virginia } on this 29 Day of november 1833 personally appeared before me the
Lewis County } subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Lewis and state of
Virginia Abraham Deviese a residen of the said County of Lewis and State of Virginia aged 87 years who
being first duly swon accordin to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain
the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7 1832 That he entered the service of the united states
under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the year 1777 Declarant thinks
about the first day of August he Volunteered his servises in defence of his Country in the Citty and
County of Philidelphia in the state of Pennsyvania and was placed under the Command of Capt George
Anderson Lieutenant Robert Duncan Ensign Charles Ames Declarant states that he was marched from
Philidelphia aforesaid to Brandywine Creek within a few miles of the place whare the Battle of
Brandywine was fought declarant states that in a few weeks after he arrived at Brandywine he was
attached to General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Division who commanded the wright wing of the
Army at the battle of Brandywine Declarant states that he remained at Brandywine untill the main Battle
of Brandywine was fought Declarant states that after som skirmishes took place a warm engagement
ensued in which the Americans suffered a severe loss Declarant states that the Battle of Brandywine was
fought on the eleventh of Sept 1777 as well as Declarant Recollects Declarant states that several
skirmishes took place in a few Days after the main battle was fought at Brandywine Declarant states that
the army marched towards Philidelphia and remained in the neighbourhood of that place and encountered
several skirmishes with the British and when the Brittish took possession of Philidelphia which was
about the twenty sixth of September 1777 as well as Declarant Recollects the army retreated towards
Germantown and remained in the neighbourhood of that place untill about the first of october 1777 at
which time the american army attacked the Brittish troops early in the morning of the fourth of October
1777 as well as Declarant Recollects Declarant states that the Battle resulted in a severe loss to the
americans. The american army remained a short time in the neighbourhood of Germantown and marched
to Vally forge and there took winter quarters Declarant states that he remained with the troops under the
Command of Capt George Anderson untill some time in the month of Aprill 1778 at which time
Declarant says he was discharged by his said capt George Anderson having served eighth months as a
private volunteer soldier. Declarant states that he has no Documentary Evidence by which he can prove
his servises neither does he know of the testimony of any one by whom he can prove them he is now
very old and infirm

he here by Relinquishes every claim to a pention or anuity whatever except the presant and declares that
his name is not on the pention roll of the agency of any state

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid



to the several interogatories prescribed by the war department Declarant answers as follows

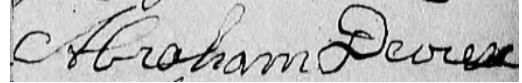
- 1 I was Borne in the County and City of Philidephia in the year 1746
- 2 I do not know whether my age is recorded or not I have the recollection of my parents who told me the year I was borned in
- 3 When called into service I was living in the County and City of Philidelphia since the Revolutionary war I have lived in the County of Washingto [sic: Washington] Pa. I moved from there about ten year a go to the County of Wood state of Va I now live in the County of Lewis on the [little] Kenhaway [sic: Little Kanawha] River in the County of Lewis Va
- 4 when I entered the service of the united states I volunteered and served as a volunteer soldier

5 I saw and became acquainted with Generals Washington Green Capts Anderson and Wilks the number of the ridgement to which I belonged I do not now recollect if the Reg't. that I serve ware Continental ones I do not recollect

6 all my discharges are lost or mislaid they ware signed by the Capt George Anderson

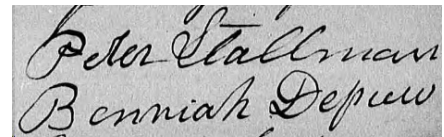
7 I am known to Peter Stallman and Benaiah Depieu who can testify as to there belief of my age my character and there opinion of my having ben a soldier of the revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year Aforsaid



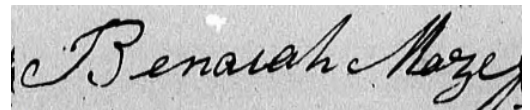
we Peter Stallman and Benaiah Depieu Residing in the County of Lewis and state of Virginia do hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Abraham Deviese who has subscribed and swore to the above Decleration that we believe him to be 87 years of age and that he is Reputed and believed in the neighbourhood whare he Resides to have bin a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion

Subscribed and swon to the day and year aforesaid



and I the said Justice of the peace Do hereby declare my opinion of the investigation of the matter and after putting the interogatories prescribed by the war depart that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states and I the said Justice of the peace do further certify that it appears to me that Peter Stallman and Beniah Depiew who have signed the presiding Certificates are Residents of the said County of Lewis and state of Virginia and that they are Credible persons and that there statement is entitled to credit and I the said Justice of the peace further certify that there is no Clergiman Residing in the neighbourhood of myself in the matter of the application of Abram Deviese for a pention

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29 Day of november 1833



State of Virginia }
Lewis County } S.S.

I, John Talbott Clerk of this County Court of Lewis County aforesaid, do hereby Certify that Beniah Maze is a Magistrate as above, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Seal of Office at Weston this 2^d day of December 1833

J. Talbott Clk

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated many pension applicants from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Not Entitled" on this report.]

Abraham Deviese Applicant.

Henry Depue [pension application R2893] a neighbor of Deviese says that Deviese & himself made their declaration for pension at the same time before a Magistrate. that their Declaration was written by Wm L Mitchell. Depue recollects distinctly that Deviese told Mitchel at the time of making his declaration that he Deviese was a boy during the war of the Revolution and lived in New Jersey. that he was not enrolled in the Militia, nor did he ever do any service as a soldier in the war – that he road about on his horse watching the movements of the british Cavalry, and when ever he came near them he would

clear himself.

Archabald Depue says he was also present when Mitchel wrote Devieses Declaration, and he recollects Distinctly that the foregoing statement given by his Father contains the substance of the communication made by Devise to Mitchel.

these statements were given on the 25th Dec'r 1834

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W. G Singleton/ Dec'r. 29, 1834