Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Bedell S17839

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldier of the army of the revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I David Bedell of the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in the Second troop commded by Captain John Craig [pension application \$40859], in the fourth regiment of light dragoons commanded by Colonel Stephen Milin [sic: Stephen Moylan], of the Pennsylvania line, I enlisted in October 1778 under Capt George Gray [S35989], after I enlisted Capt Gray resigned [12 May 1779] and Cap Craig commanded the troop, in June 1781 I was detached off under the command of Capt. Erasmus Gill to join General Lafayette in virginia, in October 1781 we was sent on to South Carolina to join Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], in March 1783 we returned to Lancaster Pa and rejoined Colo. Milins regiment. And I also believe there was issued for me a certificate for the reward of eighty Dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778, the reason that I can not make a more positive declaration that I received a certificate for the eighty Dollars reward are as follows after I received my discharge I gave Capt. Zebulon Pike [S36737] an instrument of writing to receive my final settlement notes &c for me, in a short time after I received them from Capt Pike I sold them and at that time I was illiterate I did not know any thing about a resolve of Congress which entitled me to a reward of eighty Dollars but I know that I was promised a bounty or reward at the time I enlisted, and I was fully of the opinion that my papers called for about seventy or eighty Dollars more than the amount of my monthly pay. And I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1828 neither am I now on the pension list of the United States

Witness my hand this 27th day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight I sen an order accompanyed by my discharge to have a deed brought to me for the Land I was entitled to and my discharge was never returned to me

Any communication that may be sent to me on the before mentioned subject may be directed to Bairds Forge Post Office Burk County North Carolina

TREASURY DEPARTMENT./ 10 Dec 1828.

David Bedell of — in the County of Burke in the State of N Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Craig's company, in the Dragoon regiment of the Pennsylvania line: and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th day of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United Stated and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office. By order of the Secretary F A Dickins.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT./ THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,/ 12th December 1828 It appears by the records in this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to David Bedel in the Pennsylvania line

It further appears that David Bedel is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3^d March 1826 Peter Hagner Aud

NOTES:

A power of attorney dated 19 March 1830 refers to David Bedell as being 69. On 12 May 1835 he was living in Green County MO.

A letter dated 7 Jan 1855 refers to David H. Bedell, a son of the pensioner.