Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Dedman S35887 VA
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United States of America } Ss Indiana District }

Be it remembered that on the Eighth day of July, Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, personally came before me the undersigned Judge of the District Court of the United States in & for the said District, Samuel Dedman, of the County of Pike, State of Indiana, who being duly sworn declareth and saith, that on, he believes, the seventh day of February, in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy seven, at Albemarle in the State of Virginia, he enlisted, for three years, in the Company commanded by Captain John Marks [W4542], of the fourteenth Virginia regiment, commanded by Colo. Charles Lewis [VAS901], of Wedons [sic: Gen. George Weedon's] Brigade, under Gen'l. Green. that shortly after his enlistment, he was appointed a Sergeant and continued in the service, in the said Corps, for some weeks after the period, for which he had engaged, owing, as he believes, to his having been detached, shortly before, under Major Lucas [James Lucas W12163], to conduct a number of pack horses, from Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] to Alexandria, where he was discharged the service at Albemarle, in the State of Virginia, but the precise date of his leaving the service, as he has lost his discharge, he does not recollect. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. That he has no other evidence, in his power, of his said services. That some years ago, his situation was prosperous, but owing to losses he sustained, is now in reduced circumstances. That he has entered two quarter sections of land, in the District of Vincennes, and paid the first Instalment and besides has a small stock of hogs, and a little other property – but he owes about Eighteen hundred dollars, and which is more than all the property, he owns, or has a claim to, is worth. That he is in the seventieth year of his age, and unable, from bodily infirmities, to procure a subsistence from labour. That he, and his wife, seven years older than himself, and who, for many years, has been blind, reside with their son, from whom he derives his chief support – but who is also embarrassed, & insolvent. That he therefore stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and prays the benefit of an Act of Congress Intitled "An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and naval service, of the United States, in the revolutionary war"

Samuel Dedman

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This is to Certify that Samuel Dedman, who is now a resident of Pike County in the State of Indiana inlisted in Capt John Marks Company in the early part of the year 1777 and Joined the 14th Virginia Regement on Continental establishment at Fredericksburg Virg'a in the spring of that year and marched from there under my command to the army at middle Brook State of Jersey [Middlebrook NJ]. That he said Dedman served and continued as a noncommissoned officer three years being the full time for which he in listed. Given under my hand Scott County State of Kentucky July the 7th 1819

[Abraham Buford, pension application S46372]

formerly Lt Col 14th Virg'a Reg't

I have understood that said Dedman is now in reduced Sircumstances

Scott County Ky July 7th 1819

Sir, I have this day Certified the Military Service of Samuel Dedman and it gives me pleasure to say that he frequently while in the Army personally came under my notice and conducted himself so as to have the confidence of all his officers & was respected as a good man as well as a brave and good Soldier

For a fue years last past I have had but little personable knowledge of him therefore from hearsay only know that he is in reduced sircumstances he has a brother & other friends living in my neighbourhood in affluence & respectful.

Your Hum'le Serv't

NB Mr. Dedman say he formly applied to you but has heard nothing respecting his geting a pention since I have therefore wrote you as he expects to get you to certify for him again AB

To all persons whom this may consern that I Jilson Payne of Montgomery County and Commonwelth Kentucky do hereby Certify that I have been personly acquainted with the berer Mr. Samuel Deadman upwards of twenty five years past untill he removed to the State of Indiana, a few years past while the said Deadman lived in this County he had the plasure of being in Tolerable easey cercumstances but from misfortain in Traid in Beef Cattle from this State to the state of Virginia by that fatal desease known by the name of the Bloody murver (as I have been informed) which in a few Days swept of almost his whole Drove, but under those adverse circumstances he still suported his former good character Honesty and a firm Integatrey and Truthfulness and his word or his Testmoney can in safely be relied on – and can further Certify, that he has supported a pius Religious character and was universaly esteemed as such and much did his acquaintance regret his misfortune which reduced him to distressed circumstances Given under my hand this 18th of September 1820.

J. Payne

To all persons whome it may Concern, know ye that I James Mason of Montgomery County and State of Kentucky having been Intimately acquainted Mr Samuel Deadman formally a resident & of this County but now of the State Indianna, for upwards Twenty years – and do Certify that on my first acquaintance with him he was in very Easy Circumstances but from a Combination of Event's many of which were beyond the Controul of human Efforts, he has in his old age become poor and Indigent, and what is still more afflicting his aged Companion has totally lost the sight of her Eyes which renders his sittuation more peculiarly distressing – some of the Circumstances which led to Mr Deadman's present Embarrisment were, the great losses he has met with in Trade, particularly at one time when he lost the greater part of a vallueable drove of Cattle by a fatal distemper which got among them after having got them to market, but notwithstanding his losses in a pecunary way, I feel pleasure in stating that Mr Deadmans Charector and reputation both as a citizen and a pious orderly professor of the Christian religion is held in his Estimation by his acquaintances both in Civil and religious society

Given under my hand this 20th day Sept. 1820 James Mason

District of Indiana } Sct

On this 27th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Reccord for said district to wit The Pike Circuit Court in the County of Pike and declared to be a Court of Reccord by by the Constitution and laws of said district Samuel Deadman aged Seventy two years next march Resident in Pike County in said District who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as followeth. That he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain John Marks in the month of February or March 1777 in the regiment commanded by Col Charles Lewis in the Virginia line Entered for three years served the time out and was honorably discharged in Albermale County Virginia, where he Enlisted. That his original Declaration was dated on the eighth day of July 1818 and the number of his Pension Certificate in (15.941) And I do solemnly swear that I was a

resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

One old mare, one cow, ten grown hogs twenty nine pigs, six sows, seven shoats, Large pot, small pot, one skilled One Tea kettle Cupboard furniture one four square poblar table One payment on two Quarter sections of Land never expected to be cleared out of the Office One axe One hoe That he is much Indebted and that he is not more than Thirty dollars due from others to him

Samuel Deadman

That his occupation is that of a farmer from ill health and great age he is unable to follow it. That his family consists of three in number, himself his wife Mary aged Seventy eight last April and has been blind fourteen years can knit a little but can do nothing like support herself and is otherwise very infirm, one orphan Grand child named Elijah F Gerrald aged ten years But hearty boy

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

Albemarle County I do hereby Certify that Serj't Samuel Dedman Inlisted with me in the service of the United States as a Corporal the 16 february 1777 and was promoted to a Serjeant October 1777 and that he faithfully served Three years being the time he Inlisted for.

Given under my hand this 10[?] May 1783

Jno Marks formerly Capt. in the 10 Virg'a Regiment

a Copy. Edmund B Lacy [?]

I do hereby certify that Serg't Samuel Deadman was enlisted for three years & that his time of service will expire the 16th Day of February next

Nov'r 16 1779 William Davies [BLWt597-500] Colo

A Copy 10 Va Regt

EB Edmund B Lacy

NOTE: A typed summary in the file states that Samuel Dedman died on 18 April 1835 leaving a widow named Marian.