Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Dych S42689

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Peter Dych of Westmoreland County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Blacksmith, upon Oath makes the following declaration

That the said Peter Dych on the last of June AD 1776 enlisted as a private soldier for the Term of one year in Captain [Thomas] Price riffle Company of foot in the Commonwealth of Maryland, that the Declarant faithfully served the whole of said term in said Company, that after the expiration thereof The Declarant on the last day of June 1777 [sic] again enlisted as a private for the term of three years in Captain Griffens Riffle Company of foot, in Colonel Rollins [sic: Moses Rawlings VAS683] Regiment in the Maryland line, and was taken prisoner a fort Washington [probably on 16 Nov 1776], and deserted from the British hospital, and joined the Riffle regement Commanded by Colo [Daniel] Morgan of the Virginia line, a Riffle regement of foot, that the Declarant faithfully served the whole of the last mentioned term and was in the fall of the year AD 1780 honorably discharged.

That this Declarant received written certificates of his discharge; and that he has lost the same by time and accident.

That the Declarant is 63 years of age, infirm and from his reduced circumstances in life is now in need of assistance from his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his Plan Leyles

Sworn and declared before me this 28th day of april 1818 Wm. Jack

Westmoreland County Ss Pennsylvania

On the twenty fourth day of august 1820 personally appeared in open court the Court of Common please for the County of Westmoreland Peter Dych aged about sixty five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath swear that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that enlisted at Hagerstown Mereland early in the War he thinks 1775 or 1776 in a Rifle Company Commanded by Captain Price for one year that he faithfully served that period and at the end thereof he enlisted in the company Commanded by Captain Griffey in Col'l. Rawlins Regement of the Meryland line he believes for the term of three years that he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington that after his release from imprisonment he was transfered to Col'l. Morgans Regiment of Rifle men when he was continued untill the time for which he enlisted (towit) three years were fully ended was then Honourably Discharged. And I the said Peter Dych 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 persons 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 any income of any kind whatever having no property either real personal or mixed, having neither house or a [undeciphered word] home paid for my bording out of my pension since I received it from the Untied States at such places as to be obtained and have nothing on earth to depend upon for my subsistance (my Pension & wearing apparell excepted) I have been Already inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Pennsylvania Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing on the 28th day of april 1818 My pension certificate now in my possession is dated the 23^d day of March 1819 and numbered S462 which pension I have received up to the 4th of March last. And I the said Declarant do further state that I am aged sixty five years that I am a black smith to trade but from age and infirmity am unable to follow it nor can I labour for a subsistance nor have I any family residing with me Peter Dych