

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Deaver S6791                      VA  
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State of North Carolina }              Court of pleas & quarter Sessions.  
Buncombe County        }              October Term 1832

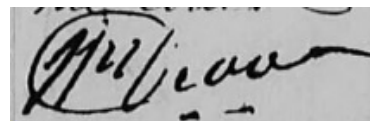
On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the said court now sitting William Deaver a resident of Buncombe County & state of North Carolina, aged Seventy years, or now in his seventieth year, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the Untied States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

He states that in the last of October or first of Nov. in the year 1780 he was mustered in to service and sent from where he lived in Amhurst [sic: Amherst] County Virginia to Albermar barrack [sic: Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville] and there guarded Burgoynes prisoners [Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777] three months, he can only recollect the name of the Lieutenant in this turn of service which was Bartlet Eades.

Then about the last of February or 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1781 he volunteered in Capt. James Dillard's company and marched from Amhurst Court house Va. and joind Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army at troublesome Iron works in No. Ca. the day after the battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], and then as a rifleman was attached to Col. Washingtons Light Infantry [sic: William Washington's Light Dragoons], and remained under his command untill Cornwallice took shipping [see endnote], he then got a discharge and returned home, he thinks some time in June and then sometime in the last of July entered in the militia on his own tour, under Capt. John Loveing [sic: John Loving] first & then under Capt. James Montgomery, and joined Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne at Mobbin hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] on James River, from there marched to Williamsburg Va and there remain'd under Wayne untill Gen'l Washington arrived [15 Sep 1781]. Then was marched to little york and there remained at the Seige untill Cornwallice surrendered [19 Oct 1781] Then got a discharged & returned home.

He further states that he does not know of any person who can testify to his service, nor has no documentary evidence. – I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state



Interrogatories propounded by the Court in questions and answers

1<sup>st</sup> q. Where and in what year were you born?

A On Susquehannah [sic: Susquehanna] River Md in the year 1763.

2<sup>d</sup> Q have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

A I have it as handed down by my parents.

3 Q Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since, & where do you now live.

A In Amhurst County Va: since in No. Ca. and now in Buncombe County NoCa

4<sup>th</sup> Q How were you called into service?

A First by my own tour. 2<sup>d</sup> Volunteered 3<sup>d</sup> my own tour, as all above stated

5<sup>th</sup> Q State the names of some of the regular Officers who were wit the troops where you served?

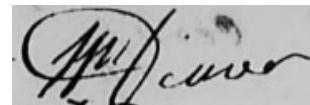
A I have stated above in as full as I can recollect only Col. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] commanded the regiment that I was in while under Gen'l. Wayne.

6<sup>th</sup> Q Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given, and where is it?

A I had discharge from Capts. Dillard, Loveing & Montgomery and they are either burnt or lost.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of some persons who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behaviour, your services as a soldier in the Revolution.

A I am & have been well acquainted with Col. Robert Love [pension application S8858] & Robert Henry sworn to and subscribed in Open Court

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "Robert Love", written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTES:

Cornwallis did not take shipping after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, but went by land into and within Virginia until his capture.

On 2 April 1833 in Haywood County NC Deaver made a declaration similar to the above, adding that he made his declaration in that county because he had lived there a number of years and was better known there.

The file contains a letter dated 3 Aug 1833 from a son of William Deaver, R Deaver of Sulphur Springs. On 5 March 1853 William Deaver applied to have his pension payable in Mississippi, having moved to Marshall County because "he was old and infirm & was left destitute in [North Carolina] by the death of his son, Reuben Deaver, & that he removed to the residence of his son Elijah Deaver in said County of Marshall, Mississippi." The file contains letters dated 25 Jan and 16 March 1853 by Elijah Deaver of Holly Springs MS.