

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Deeds W10734 Mary Deeds VA
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State of Ohio } Ss.
Greene County }

On this 19th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting George Deeds, a resident of the County of Greene, and state of Ohio, aged 69 years on the third day of August last, 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 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the city of Philadelphia, on the 3^d day of August 1763, and resided in and near that city until he was twelve years of age, when he removed to Augusta county State of Virginia, where he resided until within about 14 years past, during which time he has resided in Greene County and state of Ohio; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

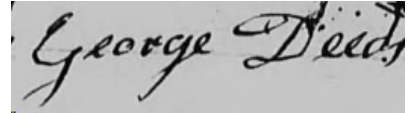
That he entered the service in the month of October 1780 & served a tour of duty of three months as a volunteer in the Virginia militia, in the Company commanded by Captain James Tate, under Gen'l. Daniel Morgan, and was in the battle of the Cowpens in the month of January [17th] 1781, and was honourably discharged on the 28th day of the same months and year, as by reference to his written discharge signed by his Captain James Tate, which is herewith exhibited, will more fully appear.

That early in the month of April 1781, being a short time after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], he was drafted into the service in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain Patrick Buchanan, a rifle company in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Wilson, in Maj'r. John Laughridge's [John Lockridge's] Battalion, and served a second tour of three months. Capt. Buchanans company rendezvouzed at Col. John Esoms on South river in Augusta county Virginia, and marched through Albemarle, Richmond, Petersburg and Williamsburg. He was in the battle of Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation], under Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne, which took place early in the month of July, (he thinks on the 6th day) 1781: and that within a few days after the battle he was discharged and returned home. He did not obtain a written discharged for this tour, his Captain alledging that he had not got paper sufficient to write discharges for a fourth part of his company at that time, and he never afterwards applied for one.

That early in the month of September 1781 he was drafted for a third tour of three months, in the Rifle company commanded by Capt. John Long in Col. Vances [Samuel Vance's] Regiment, and again rendezvouzed at Col. Esoms on South river in Augusta County Virginia, and marched through Albemarle, Richmond, and Williamsburg to York, where his company arrived two days after the siege of that place had commenced, and remained there under the command of Gen'l. Washington until after the surrender of Cornwallis, on the 19th day of October 1781. From York he marched with the detachment who guarded the British prisoners to Winchester Virginia, where he was discharged sometime in the month of November 1781, but the exact day he does not recollect, but remembers well, that the weather was at the time very cold. He did not receive any discharge in writing for this tour that he remembers, nor does he recollect the reason why he did not; he may have received one, but if so he has lost it. He thinks he was discharged before the three months for which he was drafted expired, but it was considered by his officers as in full of a three months tour. He further states that he never received one cent of pay for all or any of the services performed during the three tours he was in service, amounting in all to nine months or upwards. that he has no documentary evidence of his services, except the discharge above mentioned, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Deeds". The ink is dark and the background is light.

[The following discharge is old and much faded.]

North Carolina January 28 1781

This is to Certify that George Deeds a Soldier of my Company of Militia from Augusta [illegible words]
Tour of three Months under General Morgan [illegible words] now Regularly Discharged from the
Service [illegible words] to Draw Provisions given from under my hand [signature illegible]

NOTE: On 19 Oct 1846 Mary Deeds, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married George Deeds in May 1788, and he died on 8 Oct 1846. Mary Deeds and Rebecca Deeds certified that a Bible belonging to their father, George Deeds, contained a family record showing that their sister, Elizabeth Deeds, was born on 2 March 1789, and that Mary Deeds was the second child, born on 10 Oct 1790. George Smith, "upwards of seventy five years," certified the same information as well as the statements made by his sister, Mary Deeds. The Clerk of Augusta County stated that there was a record showing that George Deeds and Mary Smith were married by Rev. William Willson on 11 May 1788.