## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Leach<sup>1</sup> W5313 Transcribed by Will Graves

Elizabeth Leach

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Know all men by these presents that I James Leach of the County of Orange in State of North Carolina a Sergeant in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment in the late revolutionary war and now engaged in the occupation of Farming, do constitute ordain and appoint the Honorable Richard Stanford my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to apply and receive at the war office of the United States my Bounty Land Warrant or other rights dues and allowances made to me for my Services by any act or Resolve of Congress heretofore passed – Ratifying and affirming all that my said attorney shall, or may think proper to do in my behalf in furtherance of said business and recovery in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this  $18^{th}$  of September 1800

S/ James Leach {Seal}

James Leach

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State of North Carolina County of Orange: SS

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 1842, Elizabeth Leach, a resident of said County aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows."

This Declarant states upon her said oath that she is the widow of James Leach, who was, a private of Infantry in \_\_\_ Regiment in the Virginia Line, during the War of the Revolution.

This Declarant would here State, that in consequence of her not being married to the said soldier till after the close of the Revolutionary War, and in consequence of said James Leach having died upwards of 39 years ago her recollection of her Deceased husband's revolutionary Services is but imperfect; but to the best of her recollection and belief her Deceased husband, the aforesaid James Leach, did enlist into the United States Service, as a private Soldier in the war of the Revolutionary [sic] in the \_\_\_ Regiment of the Virginia Continental troops sometime in the

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year of 1777, that soon after joining the Army was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] – and if not mistaken her Deceased husband was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Maxey part of the time and General Lafayette – Has heard him speak of being in the battle of Monmouth Court House [June 28, 1778], and at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. How long her Deceased husband enlisted for, she does not now remember, but is under the impression it was for "three years" or for "during the war." But whether her Deceased Husband was in the service after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis, the Declarant cannot tell at this distant time. She remembers that her husband got Bounty Land (100 acres) for his revolutionary services, either from the State of Virginia, or from the Federal Government that she has seen the Grant, that said deed was signed, she thinks, by Thomas Jefferson, then President of the United States – that said Land lay in Ohio, on the Muskingum River.

That her Deceased husband had a discharge for his Service as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution, but what has become of said discharge this Declarant is unable to say. That she has no family record.

She further Declares that she was married to the said soldier, James Leach, sometime in the year of 1785: by the Reverend Mr. Friddle – that her husband the aforesaid James Leach, died on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1802 & 1803 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 17, viz.: at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1842 before me.

S/ Michael Strader, JP

S/ Elizabeth Leach, X her mark

[Lewis parks, a clergyman, and James Southard gave a supporting affidavit in which they support the statements of the widow in her application.]

[p 16: John Harett and Henry Christman likewise gave a supporting affidavit.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1783, in the name of James Leach, as a Soldier of Infantry for £101.11.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1842.

S/ A. W. Morton, First Clk AUDITOR absent

[p 7: affidavit given by Mary Capps of Orange County North Carolina stating that she is 77 years old and was witness to the celebration of the marriage of James Leach to Elizabeth Hatmaker in Orange County at the home of Melichy Hatmaker [probably Malachi Hatmaker] her father in the year 1785 to the best of the witnesses recollection. Attested May 19, 1842]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 for her husband's service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]