

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Absalom Degle (Deagle) R2796 VA  
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State of Virginia } SS.  
Middlesex County }

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of Sept 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Middlesex County Absalom Deagles a resident of said County and State aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United State in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight with Capt. John Hodges and served generally in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virg'a Regiment of the Virginia Line [sic: militia] under the following named officers Colo. James Montague was a resident of Middlesex county when he enlisted was in several skirmishes with the enemy on the water courses on the lower parts of Virginia where he was placed to guard the Country against the depredations of the enemy and was thus engaged until 1781 when he was marched to York and after the seige and the taking of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] he was discharged there being no further service for him to perform. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid Absolam hisXmark Deagle

State of Virginia } To wit.  
Middlesex County }

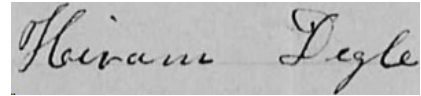
On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Middlesex County Absalom Deagles a resident of said County aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 that he entered the service as a soldier in the revolutionary war in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight under Capt John Hodges in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. James Montague and was a resident of Middlesex County at the time he entered the service he was with others on several skirmishes with the enemy on the water courses in the lower parts of Virginia when that portion of the army to which he were stationed to watch the movements of the British and to guard that section of the country against the depredations of the enemy in which service he with others was then engaged until 1781 when he was marched to York under the command of Capt John Hodges and after the seige and the taking of Cornwallace he was discharged there being no further service for him to perform – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

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September 5 1855

Dear Sir [L. P. Waldo, Commissioner of Pensions] This is to inform you that I have a claim and I am entitled to a pension my Father being in the war and my Grand Father also my Fathers name was James Degle which you can find very easy he lived in Middlesex County Virginia at the time at the same place I can be found by writing to Middlesex County Virginia Pine Top I understand there is a pension coming to my Father he now being deceased and as to go to the youngest Child I being the only one I am not of age yet I have witnesses to prove that I am not of age and can be done at any time if there is any thing allowed me I should like to know all about it as I have been very ill with the small Pox and am truly in want I do not know whether I am writing to the right one or no if you are I should like

to know and get you to intercede for me and I should like for you to inform me who to write to if you are not the right one if you please yours respectfully My Grand Fathers name was Absalom Deagle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Absalom Deagle". The ink is dark and the paper appears to be aged or slightly textured.

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Bounty land was issued only for service in either the Continental or State line of Virginia.]

The Claim of Absalom Deagle/ A private in the Virginia State line  
State of Virginia/ County of Middlesex, Sct

I, Absalom Deagle, do, in order to avail myself of the land bounty provided me for that service, hereby upon oath declare, that I served in the war of the Revolution Four years by Two several enlistments; First, in the 2d Regiment Commanded by I now forget who in the Virginia State line in a company of regulars [sic] commanded by Captain James Stiff[?] at a time when John Hodges of this county was a Lieutenant in the same company; And, secondly, at a time when the said John Hodges was a captain of the Company; That I continued to serve in the said company until the surrender of Cornwallis; which event we assisted in promoting; and that our company being no longer wanted we were discharged; and all of us returned home.

The Governor and Council will therefore, I hope issue to me my bounty as a private for the two services.

Given under my hand this 23d of August 1831 & the 56th year of American Independence  
Absalom Deagle