

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Dean (Deane) S39427 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 29 July 2019.

Virginia to wit

At a Superior court for the county of King & Queen held at King and Queen Courthouse on Monday the 4th of May 1818

John Dean appeared in court and made oath to the truth of the facts stated in his written affidavit and Richard Shackelford [S38369] being also sworn in court deposed to the truth of the facts contained in his written affidavit Whereupon it is ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of the department of War that the Judge of this court is satisfied that the said John Dean served in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy and is satisfied that the statement made by the said John Dean as contained in this said affidavit is true And it is further ordered that the said affidavit and the testimony of Richard Shackelford in corroboration thereof be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Secretary of War. The foregoing Affidavits follow in these words to wit

The affidavit of John Dean aged fifty seven this affiant being first sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted in the year 1777 under Charles Collier [VAS3068] Captain as a private Soldier that he was attached to the first Virginia State Regiment upon Continental establishment in Captain Thomas Armisteads [Thomas Armistead R12157] Company and served through the war and was then honorably discharged and that he is poor and stands in need of assistance from his Country and that he is an inhabitant of King and Queen County.

Sworn to in Court this 4th of May 1818./ Wm. Todd Clk

The Affidavit of Richard Shackelford this Affiant deposed and saith being first sworn that he knows that John Dean did enlist and serve as is stated in the foregoing affidavit having served with the s'd. Dean during the whole time and that he knows the said Dean to be in needy circumstances

Sworn to in Court 4th May 1818./ Wm. Todd Clk

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Deanes, John.]

In King and Queen county court April 18th 1822.

It appeared to the satisfaction of the Court by the Oath of Richard Shackelford that John Deane, now a resident in this county enlisted in the year 1775 as a private Soldier in the revolutionary War, for three years in the State line under Lieutenant Thomas Armistead a recruiting Officer who was an Officer in a company commanded by Capt. Abner Crump [R13459] attached to the batalion commanded by Major Meriwether [Thomas Meriwether BLWt1920-400] which said battalion was part of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500], and served th whole of the three years under Gen'l Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] and after the expiration of the three years he enlisted in the continental line during the war that he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. a copy/ Teste Geo. Poindexter DC

Virginia King and Queen County 13th day of May 1822

I John Deane enlisted in the year 1775 as a private Soldier, in the revolutionary War, for three years in the State line, under Lieutenant Thomas Armistead a recruiting Officer, who was an Officer in a company commanded by Capt Abner Crump, attached in the battalion commanded by Major Meriwether, which said battalion was part of the first Virginia regiment, commanded by Colo George Gibson and served the whole of the three years under General Mullenburgh, and after the expiration of the three years, I enlisted in the continental line during the war, and I was in the battles of Monmouth, Stony point [16 Jul 1779], and York Town [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]

I Richard Shackelford do hereby certify that I was with John Deane from the time of enlisting until the close of the war; that the statement made by him is correct to my certain knowledge. He conducted himself well during the time of his enlistment & was honourably discharged at the end of the War.
[15 May 1822]

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The federal file includes copies. Note that the service does not agree with that declared in the pension application or the rejected claim above, suggesting that there were two different soldiers named John Dean or John Deane.]

The affidavit of Christopher Williams [R11564] aged 72 years being first duly sworn according to law, states upon his oath that he was well acquainted with John Dean a Revolutionary Soldier, and further states that he knows that the said Dean served until the End of the War., he does not know how long the said Dean was in the Army, only that he was in the Regular Army when he the said Williams enlisted in October 1781, and was not discharged until November 1783, at the close of the War; the said Dean belonged to Col Armands Corps [Legion of Charles Armand: BLWt2291-850], and the said Williams further says, that he frequently heard the said Dean say he had been in the Army five years. And further this deponent sayeth not:

[Certified in King and Queen County, 13 April 1835] Christopher hisXmark Williams

To the Executive of Virginia

The under signed Thomas Dean heir and onley heir of John Dean beg leave respectfully to present his memorial for Land bounty due him on account of the services of his Father John Dean a revolutionary soldier, your memorialist veryly beleaves himself entitled to land Bounty for the services of said John Dean aforesaid and are induced to this conclusion more from the circumstances frequently he has heard related by his father and from the report of others than from any knowledge he himself possesses on the subject Therefore beleaves that if the claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the commissioner appointed therefor that it will be fully shew. I do respectfully ask that this case may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as this right and justice may be done
[Certified in King and Queen County, 13 April 1835] Thomas hisXmark Dean

Note – The Claimant refers the Executive of Virginia to the Report made to Congress at the Session 1827-28 to the Roll of the Corps composing Armand's Legion, and to the [the rest missing from the online image]

NOTE: A 25 Oct 1836 letter from the pension office refers to a potential application for a pension by Elizabeth Dean as widow of John Dean, presumably the John Dean who applied for a pension in 1818.