

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ridley Drake S9388

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State of Virginia Southampton County Sct.

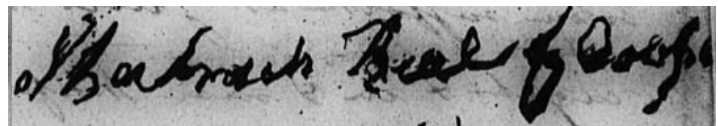
On this 19 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Southampton aforesaid now sitting Ridley Drake a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he is a resident and native of the county of southampton State of Virginia That he entered the service as a militiaman at the age of eighteen under the command of captain Lewis Joyner from the county of Southampton (as a Drafted man) & marched to Norfolk and stayed there six weeks served next under Capt Mumford being stationed at Babbs old field in Nansemond on the Western Branch of Nansemond River for six weeks & there took a mans place (Name not recollected) for six weeks more and was marching through the countys of Nansemond & Isle of Wight during that tour col Wells, Col [Benjamin] Blunt & col Duval being the commanding officers that he served seval tours tours under Capt Joyner & capt Mumford in the county of Nansemond at Meads Mills Suffolk below suffolk at Jerico mills [sic: Jericho Mills] at Smithfield in Isle of wight & in & near Norfolk & Portsmouth that they were never long at any one place but marching through the country to the places at which the enemy were expected to appear That he was never in any engagement with the [Eng]lish during the war That he was only in the countys of Isle of wight Surry Nansemond & Norfolk That he has no written discharge as it was not customary to give the militia a written discharge That he cannot state the time he entered the service That he was under the command of col Duval (his captain not recollected) & marching to Smithfield from nansemond when he was discharged after the capture of cornwall[is] at york That he served more than two years the different tours of duty during the Revolution The annexed certificates will prove his service as a stated above.

We Shadrack Beal of couper [sic: Shadrach Beal (of Benjamin Cooper), pension application S6596] & Shadrack Beal [sic: Shadrach Beal, S6610] do certify that we have heard the declaration Ridly Drake read and and do hereby certify that he was in the service and served as he has stated swor to and subscribed this day & date in open court

Shadrack Beal of Cooper

Shadrack hisXmark Beal

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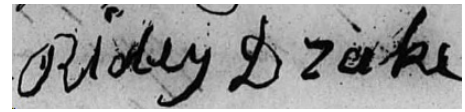
The amended Declaration of Ridly Drake as to the 1. 2. & 7 interrogatorys prescribed by the War department. The applicant states that he does not recollect in what year he was born nor has he any record of his age he states that he is known to Col. Cain Bowers James D. Massenburg, Esq'r. capt Benjamin Griffin (memb. of the Virginia Legislature) Mr. James Rochelle & many others of high respectability he also states that the certificate of Shadrack Beal & Shadrack Beal (of couper) who were in the service & whom the court have certifyd for would be sufficient to establish his service & the age of the witnesses by reference to their Declarations and as he cannot from laps of time and infirmity be more explicitt as to the particulars of his service he hereto annexes the required certificate by the war department.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Southampton Ridly Drake who being duely sworn deposeth & sayeth that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise lenght of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served more than two years in the revolution as a drafted militiaman & always as a

private soldier and for such service I claim a pension.

Ridly hisXmark Drake

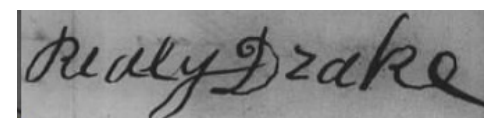
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [1 Dec 1832]

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Ridley Drake". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a scan of a document.

Statement of the Service of Ridley Drake a private in the malitia for a during the Revolution [In the original there is and additional column headed “whether in field or Garrison & if in any civil employ” in which all the entries read “in field & in no civil employ.”]

Names of officers	place or places where service performed	how called in to service & with what corps	term of service
Capt Lewis Joyner	Norfolk	by authority with the militia	Six week
Capt Mumford	Babbs old field in Nansemond & on the Nansemond River	by d[itt]o with militia of State	Six week
Capt. Lewis	on the western branch of Nansemond River & at Smithfield	with militia called out by authority	Six week
Capt. Joyner	at Meads Mills & Suffolk & the adjacent country	with militia called out by authority	Six week
Capt Tyler	Smithfield & Suffolk	with militia called out by authority	Six we[eeks]
Capt Rodgers	at Mead’s Mills & the country around Suffolk & Norfolk	with militia called out by authority	Six We[eeks]
Capt. Daniel Herring	in the countys of Isle of Wight & Surry constantly moving from one place to another	with few of the militia called out by authority	Six Wee[ks]
Capt Lewis Joyner	same places similar duty	with militia called out by authority	Six weeks
Capt not remembered	Nansemond county	with militia called out by authority	Three w[eeks]

This day Ridly Drake personally appeared before me N. M. Sebrell a justice of the peace for the county of Southampton and made oath that the above statement of his services is true & further says that he served many other tours of duty which he is now unable to specify from age & infirmity nor can he speak with any presision as to dates as relative to his services above stated from the same cause but of the above service he is confident Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th of November 1833



NOTE: Drake received a pension for 11 months 23 days service.