

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Timothy Dogan VAS3393  
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files assumed to pertain to the same soldier.]

I do certify that Timothy Dogan, after Serving two years which he first enlisted for, then enlisted with me to serve during the War, that he was made a prisoner in South Carolina [at the surrender of Charleston, 12 May 1780] and as he informs me, continued as such to the end of the War [see endnote] Given under my Hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Decem'r 1795

W. Bentley [William Bentley S37745] late Capt  
5<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regim't.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Bentley', with a date '1795' written below it.

Hanover County to wit

David Crenshaw of this County appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said County and made Oath that soon after the end of the Revolutionary War Timothy Dogan came into the neighbourhood where the said Crenshaw then lived & has continued to live, and married Mary or Molly Wade, that the said Timothy Dogan said that he had been a Soldier in the Revolution in the Continental service, & he was generally believed to have been one. That some four years after, the said Timothy Dogan offered to sell to the affiant his claim as a Soldier on the Government. That the Affiant was in possession of the evidence (being a Certificate or discharge) for some time, after which the Affiant returned the paper to the said Dogan, they not having offered a trade for it. That the said Dogan died in the neighbourhood a good many years ago. And that the said Mary or Molley Widow of the said Timothy is now living in the neighbourhood & has been for some years entirely blind and dependant on the poor levy for subsistence.

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1822. [signed illegibly]

Hanover County to wit

Mary Dogan Widow of Timothy Dogan [undeciphered word] of this County, made oath before me a Justice of the Peace of said County, that after her intermarriage with Timothy Dogan she ~~applied to Capt. Anderson~~ he having told her that he had served during the revolutionary war in Continental Service & that at the end of the war he was in the Company Commanded by Capt Anderson [John Anderson BLWt54-300] of said County, and it not being convenient for her husband to apply to Capt Anderson for the paper, which would be necessary to entitle him to his claim, as a Solder on the government, she the affiant called on Capt Anderson, who she found in Hanovertown when Capt Anderson delivered his Certificate as she requested.

Some years after she obtained the certificate, which she generally kept in the chest, she went to the chest in the night to get a paper from it, having her pipe in her mouth, when fire dropped either from the pipe or from the torch which was held, and burnt all the papers in the chest among which she verily believes Capt Anderson's certificate was one.

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1822. [signed illegibly]

I certify it appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State Line on continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the act of Assembly passed the Nov'r Session 1781 that a certificate issued on the third day of September 1783 in the name of Timothy Dogin for £55.10.6. J. E. Heath auditor/ Aud Off. Oct 1 1822

Hanover County to Wit. This day Thomas Puryear [W3452] made Oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that in the year 1776 he said Puryear knew Timothy Dogan a Soldier in the Revolutionary War in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Charles Scott [BLWt2055-850], 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regt. and the said Dogan reenlisted in the year 1778 at Valley Forge, then received a furlough for 60 days with a Brother of said Puryears [probably Jesse Puryear S35590] and others and then returned to the Army and there remained untill the close of the War, and Married Mary W[rest illegible] Mary Dogan [several illegible words] the soldier above alluded to. The s'd Dagan was commanded by Captain Jno Mosby [sic: more likely William Mosby VAS767 rather than John Mosby VAS362] of Henrico at the above time.

Given under my hand November 19, 1822

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I [apparently [Thomas Puryear] do certify that I did know Timothy Dogan in the fifth Virginia regiment. his Capt. was William Mosby of Henrico After Mosby arose to a Major Capt. Eggleston commanded the Company commanded by Colo. Charles Scott, myself in the fourth regiment commanded by Colo. Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850], the fourth, fifth & sixth regiments was commanded by Brigadier General Adam Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen], when scott arose to General, Josiah Parker [VAS130] took Colo's command of the fifth regiment, I had A brother in the same company with the said Dogan which induced me to be frequently with them, the s'd Dogan with the rest of his company then, was soldiers for two years in the year 1776 & 77 in the Northern Campaign, After the Battle of Germantown winter quarters was taken up at Valeforge, the news was in camp dureing the time, all those that would reenlist for three years or dureing the war should have a furlow for Sixty days, my Brother Jessee [Jesse Puryear S35590], James Franklin, Richard Rice [W5694], & the said Dogan and I could name several others that did reenlist and all came home together on Sixty days furlow, as to myself I first enlisted for three years & for my great exertions General Scott being well acquainted with me by being frequently with him and Dick Parker [Col Richard Parker BLWt525-500] and Josiah [Parker], on detach parties patrolling in company, he gave me a furlow for one hundred days, Telling me if I want [wasn't] able to Join Camp to get a certificate which I did for twenty days by this time my time was out, and discharged by General Muylenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850], the rest did all return. They had a frolick at my mothers, on the start after that they came through Richmond & went to Charlestown where the whole scrape of them was taken prisoners Brother Jessee & Brother Reuben [Reuben Puryear W5587] among the rest, Brother Jessee with two or three others made their escape by diging under the prison wall in the night as they told me, when they came home the rest did not return untill the war was over [see endnote] then they was Exchanged, Brother Reuben & the s'd Dogan with others, & the s'd Dogan Married Mary Wade as it is said tho I want at the weding tho in two miles where I was born. But I have no doubt but the s'd Dogan was a good Soldier dureing the war for he was such while [part missing from bottom of page, and the following page illegible]

NOTE: Prisoners from Charleston were actually exchanged in the summer of 1781, as Reuben Puryear stated in his pension application W5587.