

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of George Dodson BLWt51883-160-55 Lucy Dodson VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 16 Apr 2015.

The Hon. The Speaker of The Senate and of the House of Delegates of the Virginia Legeslature.

The Humble petition of George Dodson of the County of Pittsylvania Respectfully sheweth that your petitioner in the year 1781 was Called into the military service, having just then arrived at lawfull age, and was marched into service under Capt Benjamin Terry, and was Transferred at the place of Rendezvous under the Command of Capt Joseph Morton & was marched to Guilford Court House No. C. where he fought the enemies of his Country in the memoriable Battle called the Guilford Battle and was there wounded by a musket Ball in his Left Knee and sent off the Battle ground by his Leutenant that he has untill within the last Two years been enable to live and support his family without throwing himself on the charity of his Country – but your Petitioner now Respectfully represents that he is without property or means of any kind to support himself and wife and three children. – that he is now in his Sixty Eighth year & so disabled by the increasing pain and debility of his wounded knee that he is unable to do but very little work he therefore Humbly prays your Honorable body to place him on your pension list Roll and allow him such relief for his past sufferings and for his future support as you may think just, which he will ever pray &c &c.

George Dodson
13th Nov'r. 1829

[Certified by 59 signers from Pittsylvania County.]

Pittsylvania County Sct.

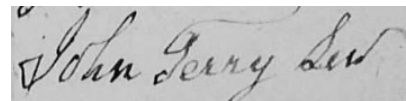
I Robert Walters Sen'r. of the County of Pittsylvania do hereby Certify and solemnly swear that George Dodson whose name as signed to the annexed petition to the Legislature of Virginia for relief was a private in the army of the Revolutionary War under the Command of Capt Joseph Morton under whom I was Leutenant. that he the said Dodson fought valiently at the Guilford Battle untill he was disabled by a wound through his Left Knee by a musket ball. – I was standing very near him at the time he was wounded and ordered him to be taken off the ground. – I have known said Dodson ever since having never lived more than 4 or 5 miles from him. he has ever borne an irreproachable character. – is now in a Dependant situation, destitute of property. has a respectable family – and I do think him justly entitled to relief from the Virginia Legislature

Given under my hand this 13th Nov'r 1829 Robert Walters Sen'r.


[Pit]tsylvania County Sc.

I John Terry Sen'r [pension application S7699] of the County of Pittsylvania do certify and solemnly swear that George Dodson whose name is signed to the annexed Petition to the legeslature of Virginia, for relief was a private in the army of the revolutionary war under the command of Capt Joseph Morton, and that the said George Dodson received a wound in his left knee in the memorable battle faught at Guilford Court House NC in the year 1781 between the America and Great Britton, I have ben acquainted with the said Dodson ever since and believe him to be a man of honesty and proberly, and justly entitled to relief from the Virginia Legeslature

Given under my hand this 16th day of November 1829

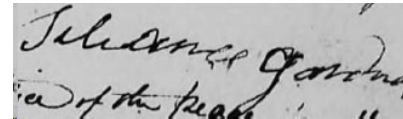


I James M. Williams Sn'r. [W6505] of the County of Pittsylvania do hereby certify that the foregoing certificates are true, and that I was in the same army, and saw the said George Dodson shortly after he was wounded and have been acquainted with him ever since, given under my hand this 26th day of November 1829



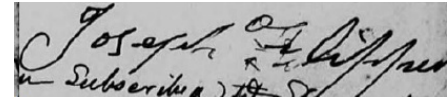
I Silvanus Gardner do hereby Certify that I lived near George Dodson fathers & was there when he was brought home from the Battle of Guilford 1781 & saw the wound on his knee & frequently saw him during his confinement & he was unable to walk for a considerable time only on Crutches, after being unable to walk even with them for some time

[27 Nov 1829]



I Joseph Flippin [S8485] do hereby certify that George Dodson on the fourth Day after the battle at Guilford was carried by myself on my own Horse and put into a waggon for the purpose of carrying him with the others wounded in Battle to an Hospital

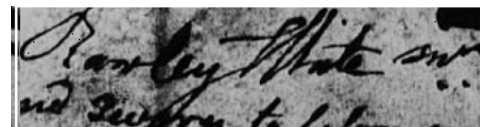
[27 Nov 1829]



I Doctor Rawley White Sen [R11424] of the County of Pittsylvania & State of Virginia hereby Certify that I have frequently and very lately Examined the wound on the knee of George Dodson who is petitioning the Legeslature of this state for relief, and find the wound to be no better than it was when the wound first healed up, and as he grows older his knee weakens in Course, and will be rendered incapable to support a dependant family, he received his wound in the battle fought at Guilford Courthouse No Carolina the 15th March 1781 between the Americans & brittons

I think him a person deserving relief from the publick this I well recolect for I was in the action myself

[7 Dec 1829]



[The federal file includes a printed copy of the following act of the General Assembly of Virginia:]

CHAPTER 144.—An act concerning George Dodson.

(Passed February 10th, 1830.)

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That George Dodson, of the county of Pittsylvania, a soldier of the revolution, who was wounded in battle, and is now old, poor and infirm, shall be placed on the pension list, and receive sixty dollars annually during his life, and be paid as other pensioners are paid: he shall also receive thirty dollars for his present relief, for which the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorised and required to issue a warrant on the Treasury in favour of the said Dodson, to be paid to him, or to his representatives, out of any money therein not otherwise appropriated.

2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

State of Virginia, }
County of Pittsylvania } S.S.

On this 12 day of April 1855, before me a Justice of the peace within and for the aforesaid County and State, personally appeared Lucy Dodson, aged 74 years, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of George Dodson

deceased who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution with Great Britain Commencing in 1776 [sic] – that her said husband was in the Spring of the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty one (1781) drafted as a private Soldier in the Company of Pittsylvania County Militia commanded by Captain Joseph Morton in order to march to North Carolina and to join the Army of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] previous to the Battle of “Guilford Court House” – that he reached the Army of General Green and with his company was engaged in the said Battle on the 15th day of March in the year 1781, and that her said husband having been severely wounded in said Battles, was, on account of receiving said wound, and his consequent disability, pensioned by the State of Virginia for during his life time at the rate of \$60 per annum – in proof of all which she herewith transmits the Original papers obtained from the proper office at Richmond, Virginia – and that her said husband was in service more than fourteen days. She further states that she was married to her said husband on the 22nd day of December A.D. 1803, by one Elias Dodson a Baptist Preacher and that her name before marriage was Lucy Dodson; that her said husband died in Pittsylvania County, State of Virginia, on the 27th day of June A.D. [blank], and that she is now a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 3rd 1855, and that she has never before applied, nor is she entitled under any other act of Congress. She hereby authorizes James M. Williams or any Attorney appointed under him to receive her warrant and transmit it to her. Lucy herXmark Dodson

[The following are from [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Pittsylvania County]

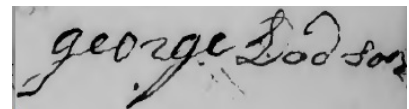
Commonwealth of Virginia

Pittsylvania County to wit

Be it Remembered that George Dodson of said County personally appeared before me William H Shelton a Justice of the peace in the said County and made Oath that in the year 1780 he was enrolled in the Virginia Militia in the County aforesaid and that he drew to his number the No 9 in Capt Benj^a. Terrys Company. that in the early part of the year 1781 he was called into the Service of his Country in the Revolutionary War under the Command of Capt Joseph Morton. Rendezvous at High Rock in the County of Caswell No Caro. uniting there with the army under the Command of Gen^l [Edward] Stevens. from thence they marched to Guilford Court House No. Caro. and met thier the Brittish and fought the memorable Battle at that place, in which Battle the said George Dodson Received an enemys ball in his left knee which entirely disabled him from further service and ever since has made an Invalid of him. – the said George Dodson further makes Oath that untill within a few years he has made out to support himself & family with the assistance of his Children. but that the Children are of age & have left him except a Son and daughter. that he is now in his 66th year – his Wounded Knee is at times very painfull and constantly operates greatly against his ability to do his daily labour. that so long as he felt able to support without the assistance of his Country. he did not think of asking it but now that his inability daily Increases he Humbly Asks that assistance which is allowed to other Invalids who faithfully fought for his Country’s freedom which he will ever pray &c.

Signed & proven to before me this 12th day of September 1828

Will H. Shelton JP

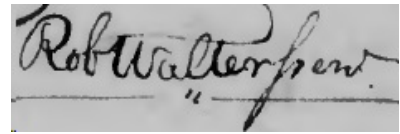


Commonwealth Virginia/ Pittsylvania County towit

Robert Walters Sen^r. this day personally appeared before me William H Shelton a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and made Oath that a few days before the Battle at Guilford Court House N.C. fought during the Revolutionary War & as well as he recollects in the year 1781 he was acting as Lieutenant under Capt. Joseph Morton. that he well recollects George Dodson of the County of Pittsy^a. as on of the men under his Command – that he the said George Dodson marched with the Army under Gen^l Stevens and fought soldier-like in the memorable Battle aforesaid untill he was wounded & disabled by a ball from the enemy in his Left Knee. this affiant was near the said Dodson at the time he

was wounded & ordered him to be removed. he has known him ever since. has ever esteemed him as an honest man. that he is now in Indigent Circumstances – thinks the wound aforesaid disables him so much that at his advanced age. this affiant does not beleive him able by labor, to make a support. and verily thinks the said Dodson Justly Intitled to his Country's assistance

Given under my hand this 12th Sep'r 1828

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robt Walter Hew". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

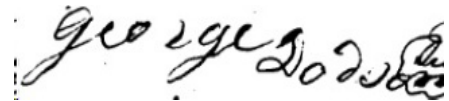
Acknowledged & Sworn to before me this 12th Sep'r 1828

Will. H. Shelton JP

Dec'r 10th 1828 ref'd to Claims/ 19th Dec'r Reasonable/ 20 Reported/ 23 Bill drawn

[The following is among the [pension papers in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also includes many similar powers of attorney, the last dated 4 March 1848. Also in the file is a certificate that George Dodson died on 27 June 1848.]

I George Dodson of Pittsylvania County Virginia do hereby authorise & appoint James A Tuck my agent & attorney to receive from the person authorised to pay Virginia pensions Thirty dollars which was allowed me for my present relief as a pensioner of the state by an act of assembly of the Virginia Legislature passed at the last session – and to obtain for me a Certificate of my being placed as aforesaid on the pension List Roll. – as Witness my hand & seal this 8th April 1830.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Dodson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.