

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Dewitt (De Witt) S13728

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South Carolina Darlington district

On this the 18th [could be 10th] day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Court of Common Pleas in open Court before Baylis J. Earle one of the Judges thereof Martin Dewitt aged sixty-eight years who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on the 3rd of December 1780 under Captain Charles Dewitt in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morris Murphy. That he was one of eighty men who were sent on an expedition to Cain High & Haddrell's Point & from the latter place decoyed thirty-six of the British who were taken prisoner & carried to the camp at Cain High shortly after that he went with said detachment joined the General Marion near Dorchester & continued with him until sometime in February 1781 when he was relieved & returned home to Marlborough district: and that he was constantly out either under Captain McIntosh or Edwards in pursuit of the Tories in the Districts of Darlington & Marlborough until June -- when he joined Marion at the place then called Burches Mills -- that he continued with him on the Great & little Pedee [rivers] and Drowning Creek routing the Tories until August, that he then left General Marion & returned home: That from that time to the close of the war he only done duty of occasionally as called on to quell the Tories on Pedee & these expeditions were generally commanded by Captain Edwards that he considers it an almost uninterested service from December 1780 when he commenced service until the War closed.

That he recollects the following officers of the Army, Colonel Peter Horry -- Colonel Youngblood & other officers -- & that the whole duty amounted to two years & eight months at least which he can safely swear to and that he has no documentary evidence of these facts.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Deponent further states that he was born on the 9th July 1764 in Culpeper County Virginia; that his father's family removed to Marlborough District and 1773 and that he the deponent has resided here ever since: And that he is now in the 69th year of his age.

S/ Baylis J. Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Martin Dewitt

[Robert Campbell, a clergyman and John Sanders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Additional Declaration of Martin Dewitt in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 required by the Commissioner of Pensions viz.

5th Interrogatory -- To this Interrogatory applicant states that he was drafted on the 3rd of December 1780 and that he continued in the service either under General Marion Horry and

detached parties routing the Tories until the first day of August 1783 -- and that he was a private during the whole term of service.

13th Interrogatory -- Applicant has no documentary evidence -- John Sanders who subscribed the certificate in his original declaration is a living witness of applicant's service.

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

2nd Interrogatory Applicant states that he has a record of his age and now in his possession --

4th Interrogatory Applicant states that he was drafted, never served either as a substitute or volunteered.

5th Interrogatory Applicant recollects the following officers in the service of the United States but whether they were regular or militia he cannot state this Colonel Peter Horry, Colonel Youngblood, Colonel Mayhem [Maham], Colonel Murphy, General Marion -- Captain Charles Dewitt under whom applicant served while with General Marion and when he served in detached parties against the Tories was commanded by Captain John Edwards & Captain McIntosh. He also recollects Colonel Burton -- the general circumstances of applicants service are as fully stated in his original Declaration as the lapse of time and his advanced age will enable him to do.

7th Interrogatory applicant states that John Kolb¹ & Thomas Goodson² are acquainted with him, will testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his having served as a soldier of the revolution together with every individual as applicant believes to whom he is known -- the names of Kolb and Goodson are given as applicant is informed they had been placed upon the pension list and there certificate is believed from that fact will be regarded sufficient.

S/ Martin Dewitt

South Carolina Darlington District: before me personally appeared Martin Dewitt and made oath that the facts set forth in this his amended Declaration are true.

S/ Martin Dewitt

Sworn & subscribed forth November 1833

S/ Daniel Morrison, JP

South Carolina Darlington District

Additional declaration of Martin Dewitt in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- Being required by the department to State the number of Tours, and their duration, he says that he was drafted three different times, and each time served one month and a half -- when drafted he served under command of Captain Charles Dewitt each time in Colonel Maurice Murphy's Regiment, General Marion's Brigade. The first time he was drafted, he joined General Marion's Brigade in at Huger's Bridge in South Carolina. He was one of a detachment of lighty [?] men marched under command of Colonel Baxter by order of General Marion from Huger's Bridge down to Cain High and thence to Haddrell's Point where Colonel Baxter with his men took twenty-five of the British, Prisoners, and returned to Cain High where they remained two weeks, where he rejoined General Marion at Dorchester.

Deponent was then one of another detachment of thirty men, marched to Bonneau's Ferry on Cooper River South Carolina under command of Colonel Horry, sent by General Marion to sink the Flats at that Ferry and thereby prevent the British Light Horse from crossing. After they had arrived the British Light Horse came up on the opposite side, but seeing the detachment of thirty men, they fled. They were fired upon by the Detachment, that night they returned to General Marion's camp and were marched to or near strawberry Ferry where deponent was relieved. The

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² [Thomas Goodson S9342](#)

second time he was drafted he served under Captain Charles Dewitt, and Colonel Maurice Murphy's Regiment, General Marion's Brigade, at which time he joined General Marion below Black River in South Carolina was marched down to Santee, where General Marion's troops spent most of the time this deponent was out on his 2nd draft. The principal services rendered were in pursuing the Tories. The third Draft he served under command of Captain Charles Dewitt in Colonel Maurice Murphy's Regiment and General Marion's Brigade, at this time he joined General Marion at Burch's Mills in Marion District formally called Liberty County South Carolina where General Marion had recently arrived with his troops from the lower Country, not long after the Fall of Charleston, they remained there two weeks and were then marched up to Cashaway Ferry on Great Pedee River in pursuit of the Tories. General Marion marched them through the Drowning Creek & Little Pedee settlements, Between the Little and Great Pedee the troops were divided the greater portion with General Marion marched to Waccamaw in Georgetown District South Carolina and Colonel Murphy with his command of near 200 men (in which command was this deponent) returned to the Great Pedee & crossed at Port's Ferry where deponent was discharged, this was at the close of the war. The services above set out were rendered in the regular embodied Militia. The services set out in former declaration under command of Captains Kolb and McIntosh in pursuit of the Tories, Deponent always considered were rendered by the command of the State authorities and were not his own individual motion. This Deponent states that although the services set forth in this amended Declaration (that is to say the 3 different [times] he was drafted) amount to but 4 1/2 months services, yet he never considered it the entire amount of his services, as he was for more than a year at one time (although in General Marion's camp) ready at a moments warning to march should he be ordered to do so, and regarding himself at all times subject to orders could not of course engaged in any civil pursuit during this time.

Sworn to & subscribed this 6th day of August 1834 before me

S/ A. M. McIver, QP

S/ Martin Dewitt

South Carolina Darlington district: Before me personally appeared John Sanders and who upon sworn makes oath that he do you Martin Dewitt in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and further deponent says that said Martin Dewitt is a man of veracity & his statements are entitled to full credit.

Sworn & subscribed forth November 1833

S/ Daniel Morrison, JP

S/ John Sanders, X his mark

South Carolina Darlington District: before me personally appeared Thomas Prestwood³ and made oath that he knew you Martin Dewitt in the service in the war of the Revolution was in General Marion's Camp with him, and further deponent says he is a man of veracity & his statement entitled to full credit.

Sworn & subscribed 31 May 1834

S/ A. M. McIver, JP

S/ Thomas Prestwood

³ [Thomas Prestwood S7337](#)