Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Duncan R20198 VA
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Cristopher Duncan of the county of Fauquier & the state of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for & during the War, & continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain Gabriel Long's company [raised in Culpeper County], in the 11th regiment, of the Virginia Line. And I also declare, that I never received Certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May 1828, or the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand this 5th day of September 1828. Christopher hisXmark Duncan

Warrenton Sept. 5th 1828

Sir [The Hon P. B. Porter Sec. of War], In my declaration annexed you will perceive that I did not "declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778." But the declaration I made on the subject of the certificates was strictly according to the truth: And I account, for not receiving the certificates in the following manner. Many of the privates, my comrades received their certificates; but despairing of ever realizing any thing from them, parted with them immediately for a mere trifle; I, & others, on account of their want of value were wholly careless about ours, & did not put ourselves to the trouble of requiring them. Your humble servant/ Christopher hisXcross Duncan