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Pension application of Benjamin Dorton R20358 (a/k/a Benjamin Drummonds) fn13SC
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I Benjamin Dorton of the County of Henry in the State of Georgia do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war and continued in service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Rudolph's company attached to Colonel Lee's Regiment number not recollected of the South Carolina [line] as I suppose that State being the place of my enlistment and I also further declare that as well as I recollect I received a certificate for the reward of \$80 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 15th of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Benjamin Dorton, X his mark

[William Jinks and William Ragland gave affidavits as to the reputation of the applicant as a soldier of the revolution.]

[Attested by Woodson Hubbard, JP and Thomas D. Johnson, JP]

Georgia Henry County all which 12, 1829

Sir About ten months ago I addressed to your department a letter or declaration of Mr. Benjamin Dorton with a view to establish a revolutionary claim for services by him performed in the Revolutionary War and in November last I received from Mr. Rush the then Secretary in answer in forming Mr. Dorton, that his name was [not?] found as set out in his declaration, and that the records relating to the Army of the Revolution were known to be incomplete, that it was believed however that the archives of some of the states contained evidence of the [paper torn and word or words missing] & service of the regiments & corps of the Continental [paper torn and word or words missing] I have accordingly as attorney for him addressed a letter to the proper State authorities asking for such evidence if it exists as will enable me to come at the information which we need. I request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to me a list taken from the papers received at your department under the act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved 15th May 1828 of the names & residence of such officers of the line & Regiment to which Mr. Dorton belonged as are known to be living that he may be able through them to supply the testimony which she needs. I would remark that Mr. Dorton states to me that he marched in the date by him not recollected from North Carolina a militia man under a Captain Johnson and turned over to a Captain Sharp a militia Captain also of North Carolina that he marched under Sharp into South Carolina where he enlisted as a Regular or Continental Soldier under a Captain Rudolph attached to Colonel Lee's Regiment where he continued till the end of the war. Mr. Dorton states to me that he is an illegitimate he is very old and very indigent circumstances entirely illiterate and

very ignorant though esteemed by his acquaintance as a man of truth. He further states that in consequence of his having been born out of wedlock he has been known by the name of Benjamin Drummonds & that it probable his enlistment may be and that name [paper torn and text missing] has also born the name Dorton for a number of years but as the has born both names he cannot be certain in which name he enlisted but thinks it likely it was Drummonds as he knows he did serve and Dorton is not found I wish you to write me whether or not the name of Benjamin Drummonds is found a private in Captain Rudolph's Company Colonel Lee's Regiment there are two very respectable old Gentleman in this County who knew him in the revolutionary war and know him to have been absent and that he was called Drummonds that it was generally believed he did serve. I am engaged in another claim for the heirs of Henry Allison deceased and in a letter recently received from Washington City I learned Henry Allison was a Lieutenant in the Georgia line on the Continental establishment, that his son for whom I am attorney thinks it likely from what he has heard his father was a Captain that he was probably promoted from his Lieutenant said that of a Captain. You will please give me such information on this subject as you may be in possession of.

Very Respectfully your obedient servant etc.

S/ Garry Grice

War Department Bounty Land Office

It does not appear from the records of this office that Benjamin Dorton as a private of the Virginia line ever received or is entitled to receive bounty land of the United States. Lee's Legion was composed of men from different States, though it is believed mostly from Virginia, but we have no distinct list of the Legion, and cannot therefore certify fully unless the applicant states that state to which he belonged when he entered the Legion.

S/ Robert Taylor

18 November 1828

Bounty Land Office September 25th 1829

The investigation of the case of Benjamin Dorton or Drummond, has been renewed, and no additional information can be furnished from the records of this office, to that, formerly furnished by our Taylor Esquire on the 18th of November 1828

S/ Wm Gordon