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Pension Application of Charles Dunnom R20361

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County of Fayette State of Penn'a ss.

On this 16th day of August 1827, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the Fayette and State aforesaid Charles Dunnom a resident of said county, aged 70 years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made the acts of Congress, of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820: that he, the said Charles Dunnom enlisted for the term of dureing the war on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year of 1777 in the state of Maryland in the City of Baltimore in the company commanded by captain Depontuca[?] also was under Capt. Celnski [sic: Jan Zielinski] in the regiment commanded by colonel Carwatch [sic: Mical Dekowatch/ Michael de Kowatch] & Col. Booer in the line of the state of Penn'a. of Gen. Pulaski [Kazimierz Pulaski] legion on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the year 1783 when he was discharged from the service, in Baltimore by captain Paul Bantelow [sic: Paul Bentalou] in the state of Maryland that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state, except Maryland No. & So. carolina, Penn'a [undeciphered] & the State of Georgia & that the following are the reasons for ~~not~~ making ~~earlier~~ application for a pension: That he had made an application before the Honorable Judge James Finley in the year 1820, and that two Witnesses was required to prove his said services that of whome it have not been in his power to procure. That he had previously sent the discharge to the city of Washington by the Honorable J. Smiley a member of Congress of said County, and that the said Smiley deceased soon after his return, that the said discharge was left at the City aforesaid. [See endnote.] That he the said Dunnom was in the Battles and Skirmishes of Egharbour [sic: Little Egg Harbor NJ, 15 Oct 1778, Minisink, in New Jersey [22 Jul 1779], Charlestown South carolina, Dorchester [SC], Savannah [9 Oct 1779], and Monks Corner [sic: Biggin Bridge at Moncks Corner SC, 14 Apr 1781], that at the latter he the said Dunnom was take prisoner that at the said Battle of Savannah the said General Pulaski together with many officers and his Soldiers was kild, then there few remaining troops was attached to the Regiment or troops near Charlestown commanded by Colonel [William] Washington. That the said Dunnom was wounded in the leg by a musket ball, at Savannah, also wounded at Monks Corner and that his Major Bernice [sic: Pierre-Jean-François Vernier] and three Captains was kild, who had belonged to General Pulaski Legion.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That, since the 18th of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property: An that there has been no particular change in his property that his said property are as follows Viz

One Cow values at. \$11.00}	And that he has a Family Viz, his Wife Jane aged 61 years, and
four sheep at 4.00}	a grand child Catharine aged 8 years which is all his Family.
3 pigs or Shots [shoats] at. . . 3.00}	And that he is a tanner by occupation though unable to pursue
1 large kettle 2.00}	it. That the greater part of his time he is much afflicted with the
1 Pot one oven. 1 Teakettle . 3.50}	rheumatism and lameness. That he has been unable to labour for
1 Dresser & contents worth . 2.00}	a bout one year past
1 pair of traces. 1.00}	

Charles Dunnom

Winchester [VA] 10 Sept 1827

Dear Sir [Charles Dunnom, Uniontown PA] I rec'd your letter of the 18th aug't. and have attended to the same. I shew your letter of Capt Wm. Ball [William Ball, pension application W3376] and he request me to say to you that his recollection of you is like a dream to him, and that if you were both together, that in the course of conversation that you and him might have together, that you might be distinctly recollected – annexed he has given me some names of persons who served in the same Troop with him, perhaps you may have some recollection of them, or they of you –

Henry Harris [S37986] of this County, Charles Swan [W19425] Fauquier [sic: Fauquier] County, & Michal Cookas [Michael Cookers (Cokes) W6722] of Shepherds Town [Shepherdstown] Jefferson County – those men with William Ball all seved in the 4th Troop in the 3^d Reg't. command by Col'n. Wm. Washington
Your Thomas Roberts

Corporal Everhart [Lawrence Everhart S25068] Living near Middle Town Md. belonged to the same Troop and is now a Methodist Preacher there

State of Pennsylvania
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Personally appeared Peter Patterson and after being duly qualified accorording to law doth depose and say that he is acquainted with Charles Dunnom, alias Warric who was a Revolutionary soldier of General Pulaski's Legion on continental establishment that the said Dunnom alias Warric and the said troops to whom he belonged was stationed a considerable time at the Minisinks, in Jersey, together with the troops to whome this deponent belonged, likewise at Egharbour where one of of the officer was kild in a skirmish, who they call'd Colonel Baze of said legion, that the said troops was billeted out in different parts of the same neighbourhood, that he deponent was personally acquainted with said Dunnom (or by some called Warric, being born out of wedlock) for at least one year at one period in the said war, and deponent further sayeth that he has every reason to believe that said Dunnom did serve to the end of the war, as said Dunnom had an honourable discharge signed by Captain Paul Bantlow of which deponent states that he read in 1783 or in 1784 at Baltimore

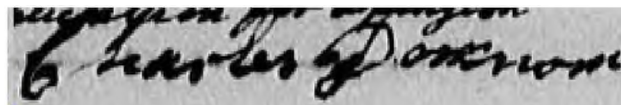
Also personally appeared Henry Wells of Washington Co. Penn'a, and after being duly sworn as a bove stated deposed and sayeth that he personally knew the aforesaid Charles Dunnom late a private in General Pulaski's Legion as a private, & did serve during the war as a bove and in the latter end of his time he served under Col. Wm Washington.

Sworn and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County the 8th day of May 1828

Thomas hisHmark Wells

Peter hisPPmark Patterson

For the purpose of the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15 of May 1828 I Charles Dunnom of Saltlick Township in the County of Fayette in the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a Private in Captain Sellaskis Company, likewise served in part under Deponteau, and in the Regiment of which was organized at Philadelphia, and commanded by General Pulaski. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled th under a resolve of Congress passed the 15 day of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the ^d fifteenth day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States. that the present is the 3^d application for a pension
[26 Aug 1828]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Dunnom". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT/ 26 Jany 1831.

Charles Dunnom of [blank] in the county of Fayette in the State of Pennsylvania has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Depontieus's company in Pulaski's legion until he was killed when he applicant was made a prisoner. & that he enlisted in Maryland line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

NOTES:

A letter from the Pension Office stated that Dunnom's discharge may have been destroyed when the War Office was burned by the British in 1814. Charles Dunnom's applications were rejected because his name could not be found on rosters. In most cases the testimony of two eye-witnesses would be accepted as proof, but for some reason the statements of Thomas Wells and Peter Patterson were not sufficient.

Charles Dunnom may have been the "Charles Daemon" who enlisted at Baltimore on 10 May 1778, according to a muster roll transcribed by Richard Henry Spencer in an article on Pulaski's Legion in the Maryland Historical Magazine for Sep. 1918, p 222.

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