Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Dampeer (Dampier) R2639 Transcribed by Will Graves f24GA 1/25/08 rev'd 11/24/14

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State of Georgia, Effingham County

On this second day of December in the year of our Lord 1843 personally appeared before Jeremiah Malett one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid being a court of record Daniel Dampier a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty Six years, who 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 7th June 1832.

That he was born in the State of North Carolina July the second, 1757, that he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted Soldier about the month of March 1780 under Colonel White of the fourth Georgia Battalion and served in what was then called the Florida expedition, and was attached to Captain Bemiss' Company as a Sergeant (previous to his enlistment he was living on Briar Creek Screven County in said State and has lived in the State of Georgia ever since after the Revolution) was in the battle of Savannah at the time the British took possession of it [December 29, 1778]. He recollects General Elbert [Samuel Elbert]; Captains Melvin and Lucas of the Battalion in which he served and also remembers one Sergeant Palmer he recollects being on the Waggon Guard at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779], was there taken Prisoner, and was put into the prison Ship and remained there [illegible number, possibly "Three"] months and seventeen days, was then exchanged. He was at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] in South Carolina, was again at the battle in Savannah when besieged by the French and Americans at the time General Pulaski got his death wound, at the time he was exchanged he was with Lieutenant Colonel Pannell into South Carolina at which time his service expired in the Army when the Lieutenant Colonel gave him a certificate to receive his pay, which he gave up to the paymaster that he has no other evidence in his possession of his actual service or discharge nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, not expecting in his old age to receive benefit: He was never particular in preserving any papers that might go to show anything further than what is herein stated nor does he at this time recollect any other conspicuous persons than those above mentioned. He was in the service three years from the time he enlisted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Dampeer

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S/ Jeremiah Malett, JIC

[Paul B. Colson, a clergyman, and John J. Pitts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia, Effingham County

Personally appeared before me John R. Morgan one of the justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Daniel Dampier of the same place, who being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he was a revolutionary Soldier, that when he was discharged from the Service of the United States as a revolutionary Soldier that he sold his right and title of all the bounty land that he might be entitled to for said Services to Lieutenant Colonel John Pannell of the United States service who was attached to the same Battalion this deponent was, and that he received from the said Lieutenant Colonel Pannell a small horse, and his Note for four pounds money. He has no knowledge that the land was obtained he only sold his right to it. He gives as his reason for not applying at an earlier date for the pension, that he was in tolerable circumstances and did not stand in need[,] it was some time after the passing of the Act of 1832 that he heard he was entitled to it and made some inquiries about it, that seven or eight years back that one Dr. Hill, and since him, a Mr. Matthews, both promised to do something for him in the way of obtaining it, but both failed in their promises nor was he acquainted with anyone to be friend him until last year, when a Gentleman called upon him & informed him that it would be done for him to which he consented and the result was his present application which he hopes may be successful, being old and needy further he says not. Sworn to this ninth day of November 1844. S/ Daniel Dampeer S/ Jno. R. Morgan, JP

Executive Department Georgia Milledgeville 10th of May 1845

I James U. Horne, Secretary of the Executive Department of the State of Georgia, do hereby Certify that the name of Daniel Dampier, Sergeant, appears on a record in this Department which record is prefaced as follows. "The following is a list of the names of such Officers and Soldiers only who made application to the Governor and Council of the State of Georgia in pursuance of the 2nd Section of an Act of the General Assembly passed the 17th day of February 1783, entitled, "an Act "for opening the Land Office, and for other purposes therein mentioned" for procuring a certificate in pursuance of the Section above referred to, and the Resolution of Congress of the 16th of September 1776, of the bounty of Land due them respectively for their services during the last war with Great Britain in what was termed the "Georgia Continental establishment."

And I do further certify that the name of Daniel Dampier No. of Warrant 2059 appears on another Record in this Department which record is endorsed as follows "An Account of the Lands Granted in the two new Counties of Washington and Franklin by the Land Court at Augusta pursuant to Act of Assembly passed the 25th day of February 1784."

I[n] testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Executive Department by the Gov.

S/ James U Horne, S. E. &c.