

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas Dawson R2776

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State of Georgia Rabun County:

Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting (this 11th of October 1832) Jonas Dawson aged nearly seventy-two 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First Tower [tour] that he entered the service about the first of the year 1781 in Spartanburg District South Carolina in General Brannon's [sic, Thomas Brandon's] brigade Colonel Fair [Lt. Col. William Farr's] Regiment Captain Mat [sic, ?] under officers not recollected was drafted as a militia man three months tour marched to Granby in South Carolina rendezvoused at 4 miles South of Granby the upper end of Lord's Island on the Congaree River was in pursuit of the British marched from thence to where he supposed now to be Union District & there was discharged from service in no engagement.

2nd Tower from the same place volunteered forty days tour in General Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] Brigade Colonel White [Henry White's?] Regiment Captain Gowen [John Gowen's?] Company Lieutenant Bratcher [William Bratcher] marched to the Cherokee nation of Indians had skirmishing with said Indians at various Indian Towns at one called the Buzzard Rest & the Long Swamp at which place a Treaty was concluded with said Indians by which a section of Country was obtained from said Indians & peace concluded he believes that portion of Country obtained that composes Greenville & Pendleton Districts South Carolina & perhaps some in Georgia Commissioners on the part of the United States was General Pickens Colonel Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] of Georgia & perhaps others marched from said Long Swamp to Seneca old Town in what is now Pendleton District South Carolina & there was discharged this was all the tours other than various scouting expeditions after the Indians & Tories.

He does not know of any living evidence he can procure with any confidence.

I Jonas Dawson hereby Relinquish whatever [claim] to a pension or annuity [except] the present & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Qst where & in what year was you born

Ans: in South Carolina what I suppose is now Lawrence District [sic, Laurens District] in Fort called Pinneltons Fort [sic, Pendleton's Fort?] on the 9th of January 1761 record produced

Qst Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since the Revolution war & where do you now live

Ans: in South Carolina Spartanburg District when called into service & since in North Carolina Buncombe County & now in Georgia Buncombe County

Qst how was you called into service was you drafted did you volunteer or did you substitute & if a substitute for

Ans: that question is answered in the foregoing part of this declaration

Quest: State the name of some of the regular officers who was with the Troops where you served such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect & the General Circumstances of your Service –

Ans: Does not know whether the officers was regular or not -- knew Colonel Thomas [John Thomas, Jr.]-- Lieutenant Absolem Thompson [Absalom Thompson?] I believe were regulars General Andrew Pickens Colonel White Major Anderson [probably Robert Anderson] General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] &c -- The General Circumstances of Service is stated in the foregoing –

Qn: Did you ever receive a discharge from service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

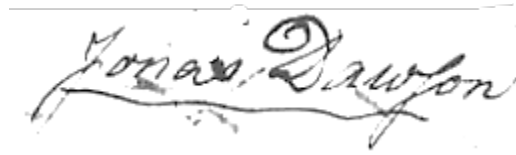
Ans: I received what was called Indents cleared out a tract of land with one and sold the other Give [given] by the officers where I served but not recollected by whom assigned

Qn: State the names of some person by whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior your sarvis [service] as a soldier of the revolution --

Ans: As to good character & veracity & what, Common a part says as to his services -- Major General Andrew Miller of Rabun County Georgia Brigadier General Benjamin Cleveland of Habersham County Edward Coffee Esquire Samuel Harris Esquire Hn. Mozley Esquire, William Gillespie, William Kelley all of Rabun County Reverend Humphrey Posey of Macon County North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of October 1832

S/ Jonas Dawson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonas Dawson". The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed within a simple rectangular border.

S/ Edward Coffee, JIC

[John Chastain, a clergyman, and Josiah Carter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: this application would have been rejected, among other reasons, because the veteran did not claim at least 6 months of service as required to qualify for a pension under the 1832 Act. That rejection, however, does not mean that the veteran did not in fact perform the services he alleges in his application.]