

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Runnels Dill R2953     Evaline Dill     NC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 21 Oct 2013.

State of No Carolina     }  
Caswell County         } This day came John Dell of said County before me Thomas Williamson one of  
the Justices of the peace in and for said County and made Oath in due form of Law that his Brother  
Runnels Dell served a Tower of duty in the Revolutionary War under Capt. George Oldham and that he  
was in the battle of Gates’s defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of December AD. 1829                         John hisXmark Dell

South Carolina        }  
Greenville District } On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1853 personally appeared before the Judge  
of the Ordinary’s Court of the State of South Carolina, Greenville District,  
Evaline Dill, a resident of Greenville District, and state aforesaid, aged Sixty years, who first being duly  
sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of  
the provision made by the act of Congress, passed on the 3<sup>d</sup> February 1853 granting pensions to widows  
of persons who served during the Revolutionary war: that she is the widow of Runnels Dill who was a  
Private in the Revolutionary war – he volunteered in virginia or north Carolina for six months, under  
Capt. Oldam, he was at the Battle of Gates defeat, and drew a Pension in his life time from the State of  
South Carolina. The Tax Collector of Greenville District always paid him his Pension dues. She further  
states and declares, that she was married to the said Runnels Dill on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1830. that  
her said husband died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1844. that she was not married to him prior to  
second of January A.D. 1800 but at the time above stated.  
She further declares that she is now a widow.     Evaline herXmark Dill

State of South Carolina }  
Greenville District     } S.S  
On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. one thousand Eight hundred and fifty five Personally appeared before me a  
Notary Public and Magistrate Ex. Off. within and for the District & State afore said Evaline Dill aged 60  
years a resident of Greenville District in the State of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to  
law declares that she is the widow of Runnels Dill, Deceased, who was a private in the company  
commanded by Captain George Oldham in the Regiment of volunteers commanded by Col. [blank] in the  
ware of the Revolution Declared on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1776 and that her said husband volunteered in  
Caswell County in the State of North Carolina and that he served in South Carolina. he volenteered For  
the term of Six months & continued in actual service in said war for the term of Three months and was  
honorably discharged at [blank] She declares that her said husband has recived a pension from the State  
of South Carolina for many years previous to his death She further states that she was married to the said  
Runnels Dill on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1832 by one David Jackson and that her name before her said  
marriage was Evaline Hooper & that her said husband died at Greenville in the State of South Carolina  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1844 and that she is now a widow.  
She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled  
under the act approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855 she states that she has no record of her marriage.  
Evaline herXmark Dill

NOTES:

A letter to the Pension Commissioner dated 22 Nov 1853 states that besides John Dill, Runnels Dill “also had another brother that done service.”

A letter dated 17 Jan 1854 states that an 1844 tax receipt signed by C. P. Dill, Tax Collector, was

enclosed as proof that Evaline Dill was the widow of Runnels Dill.

A letter by John Odam dated 26 Jan 1860 reads in part, "David Jackson Esqr told me he went with Dill to capt Oldham himself capt Oldham went to Esqr Henderson with them stayed all night together, in Anderson Dist then Capt Oldham gave Dill a certificate and his Affidavid stating that he commanded Dill in the Revolutionary War and a volunteer from caswell county North Car, and upon that Certificate the state of South Carolina gave him a pension of Sixty Dollars per year this was in the year 1831."

Evaline Dill's application for bounty land was supported by a deposition by James Odam and George W. Dill. David Jackson stated that he married Runnels Dill and Evaline Hooper on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1830. On 3 Aug 1859 Evaline Dill stated that she had lived in Greenville District for about 45 years before her husband's death, and he had lived in Rockingham County NC before then.

Evaline Dill never received a pension, but by error an application was made on 17 Nov 1866 for restoration of a pension that was supposedly suspended during the Civil War, during which time she had subsisted "from the support and aid of her kindred." A reply from the Pension Office states in part, "The claim of Caroline Dill for a pension as widow of Wm. Dill a soldier War 1812 cannot be considered, unless it is clearly shown that he died of wounds rec'd or disease contract in service or line of duty."

A document signed by Evaline Dill on 13 April 1869 was certified by her son, Theron E. Dill. On 20 Sep 1873 George W. Dill certified the loyalty of Evaline Dill. Evaline Dill was said to still be living on 4 April 1881.

Addendum to the transcription relating to Runnells Dill R2953

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Runnells (Reynolds) Dill  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1941.5

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[Note: there are numerous documents in this file all relating to administrative matters concerning the state pension paid by South Carolina to Runnells Dill for his service in the Revolutionary war. None of the documents contain any descriptions of the services he rendered during the revolution. It appears that he received a pension of \$60 per annum commencing in 1831 until his death on October 27, 1844. His estate was administered by James Odom. In addition the file contains petitions by the veteran's widow (Eveline Dill) attempting to have her husband's pension extended to her benefit. Her petition was denied. All the documents in the file signed by the veteran or his widow were signed with their respective marks.]

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.