

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

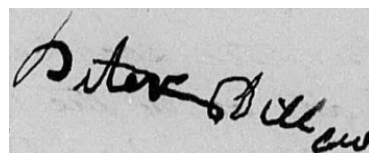
Pension Application of Peter Dillow R2958 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Virginia, Jefferson County [10 Jun 1850]

Be it remembered, that the undersigned, Peter Dillow, hereby claims the pension, pay and other arrearages due to him as a soldier of the war of Revolution not having heretofore made the claim, or received any thing for said services to which he may be entitled by the laws of the United States made and performed in such like cases.

He is now unable to declare the name of the military Corps to which he belonged while in service: but to the best of his knowledge and recollection, which is much impaired by his age and infirmities he says that the company in which he served was commanded by Captain Vestal; that the name of the Major of his command was Willis, and that of the Colonel, Van Metre [possibly Jacob Vanmeter]. That he entered the service some time in the year 1781, at or in the neighborhood of Shanondale in the then County of Berkeley, in the State of Virginia, and continued in service till the close of the war. He does not remember to have been actually engaged in any battles, but in a skirmish with the troop of the enemy, at or about the time of and near to the place of the battles which lead to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. He has an indistinct recollection that the place was Guilford Court House [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781].

He declares that he did receive a regular discharge from the Army which has been lost in the lapse of so many years; having heretofore resisted all efforts made by others to engage him in the prosecution of this claim, he did not preserve with proper care the evidence of his services, as would be apparent by the production of such a paper. No doubt however, the corresponding facts are shewn upon the books and company returns of the officers named in this declaration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Dillow". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.