

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dolerhide (Dollarhide) R3001

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an "Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution:" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I John Dolerhide of the Township of Clay in the County of Sevier in the Territory of Arkansas, 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 John Duglass' [John Douglass] Company of the third Regiment fourth line And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828, on the pension list of the United States.

S/ John Dolerhide, X his mark

Before me Absalom Mading a Justice of the peace in and for the Township of Ozan and County of Hempstead and Territory of Arkansas, and duly empowered to administer Oaths of the County of Hempstead & Territory aforesaid, personally appeared this day William Shanadon and Asail Dolerhide of the said County who did severally make oath that John Dolerhide by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been a private in the Army of the revolution in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord 1829.

S/ Absalom Mading, JP

Personally appeared before me the aforesaid John Dolerhide who I know personally -- and believe to be an honest man. He is a respectable citizen of the adjoining County -- Sevier and being sworn states that some eight or ten years ago he had a house burned down in which were, with other things, all his papers some of which would have establish the facts here above set forth.

Given under my hand and seal as a justice of the peace in Ozan Township County of Hempstead Territory aforesaid.

S/ A. M. Oakley, JP

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State of Louisiana, Parish of Sabine

On this 26th day of May 1846 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probates now sitting John Dollarhide, a resident of said State and Parish, aged ninety five years, who being first 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780, as a volunteer, under Captain John Douglas, for a term of six months, that he was at the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], and that his commanding officer on that occasion was Col. Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleveland]¹ and that there the Americans took a number of Tories, and hanged several of them, a short time after that engagement, he was discharged and returned home, where he remained but a short time when he again volunteered and went out under Capt. Benjamin Douglas, brother of his first captain, and served again six months, and was in the battle of Cowpens, and that his company joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] army, and was put in Genl. Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] command when Greene divided his army, and that Morgan commanded at Cow Pens [Cowpens, January 17, 1781], that this battle was fought in January 1781, soon after this battle Morgan and Greene's armies came together again, and crossed Dan River, but soon returned back and marched for Guilford C. House where they had a battle in March [March 15, 1781], that the army then marched towards Camden, where a battle took place under command of Genl. Greene, where the Americans were defeated, soon after this his time of service expired, and [he] was discharged, and returned home where he remained a few months when he again went into service and at the different terms served more than one year, that he was last discharged by Col. Butler [John Butler], and the names of Greene, Morgan, Lee & Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] are familiar names to him as commanding officers in the Carolinas that he recollects being in Spartanburg district S. C. and Rutherford County N. C. that he crossed Broad River in their march from Cowpens to Guilford C. H. and passed near Catawba Springs but his memory being bad, has forgotten many places which he passed, that he finally left the army in the years 1782, that he was born in 1751, that he has a record of his age in an old family Bible now at home, that at the time he entered the service, he lived in Orange County, North Carolina, that he has since lived part of his time in Tennessee, part on Mississippi River, and for the last 26 years in this State, and that he now lives in Sabine Parish State of Louisiana, that he went into service as a volunteer, that he never had a commission, or was more than a private, that Parson Alford, Mr. Edmundson, Mr. Parrish or any of my neighbors, I believe would certify to my character as an honest & reputable man, that he knows of know [sic, no] living witness by whom he could prove his service, that he has delayed applying for a pension because he got his discharge burnt, with house many years since and was then of the impression that nothing but positive proof, would have any weight with the government, and that his poverty prevented him from going back to N. Carolina to seek a witness, that 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 whatever, that he has a helpless wife now 98 years old, and that he is very poor and not able to work, sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

¹ Captain John Douglas or Douglass was recruited by Col. James Williams of South Carolina and served under Williams at King's Mountain, not under Benjamin Cleveland as stated by this applicant. See the applications of [Andrew Harwell \(Harvey\) S31104](#), [Matthew Pryor S3747](#), and [Jacob Vanhook S9509](#)

S/ John Dollarhide, X his mark

[Affidavit signed by N. J. Alford, clergyman, and William H. Edmondson, neighbor]

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I P. H. Dillon an acting Justice of the Peace and for the Parish of Sabine in State of Louisiana do hereby certify that this day John Dollarhide who is known to me, personally appeared and made the following statement upon oath, (to wit) he says that he went into the service of the American Army under John Douglas and served in the North Carolina militia, three months, and afterwards served a second term of three months under Captain Benjamin Douglas, and afterwards served two other campaigns, the names of the captains he has now forgotten, that he served two years at different times, and was under Colonel William Moor [William Moore], and General Greene, that he was in several engagements, with both Tories and British, that he was at the battle of Guilford, he says that he was in the battle at the mouth of the Kanhauway [sic, Kanawha?] with the Indians -- he states that he is now ninety-five years old and his recollection has very much failed him, that he has never obtained any pension, and now requests the government to compensate him.

S/ John Dollarhide, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of November 1845

S/ P. H. Dillon, JP