

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

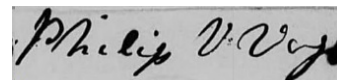
Pension Application of Patrick Donnally (Donally) R3007
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The deposition of Patrick Donnally of lawful age late of the count of Hanover and now of the county of Louisa taken at the house of said Donnally in the county of Louisa on the 9th day of January 1835 to be used as evidence to prove that said Donnally served as a soldier six months in the Revolutionary war. This deponant being duly sworn deposeseth & saith That he the said Donnally some time in the month of April 1781 Volunteer'd under Capt'n. James Jones of Caroline County and that Colonel Phillip Johnson of the same county was the Commandant of the Regiment he belong to that they march down to Gloucester opposite York Town & there had some skirmishing with the enemy previous to Cornwallis' surrender [19 Oct 1781] and was discharged immediately after his surrender, & that Colonel Cary commanded the Regiment he belong to when he was discharg'd Colonel Johnson having retired from service and he further states that he will be eighty four years old the 10th day of next march & that he has lived in the county of Hanover Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] & now resides in Louisa & that he has lost his discharge & has no other paper or evidence except a certificate of Phillip Voss [sic: Philip V. Vass pension application S19493] of spotsylvania hereunto annexed and farther this deponant saith not

Patrick hisXmark Donnally

I Philip V. Vass of Spotsylvania County and State of Virginia, being at this time Seventy two years of age (and was a soldier of the Revolution) do hereby Certify that Patrick Donally was a soldier of the line, in the Revolutionary War, and was in service at the surrender of Cornwallis at the Siege of York; that I was in service at the same time & place, and that I now receive a pension for such service.
[Certified 22 Nov 1834]



A further declaration or deposition of Patrick Donnally late of the county of Hanover, but now of Louisa County, taken at the said Donnally House in the said county, to be read as evidence to prove he served six months in the Revolutionary war as a private in the Malitia, and after being duly sworn the deponant deposeseth & saith That in addition to what he hath said in his former deposition given some time the first of this month. That it is true the term he first volunteer'd for was two months, & that at the expiration of that term, he volunteer'd the second time and in like manner the third time with the same captain & company, and the reason that thus induced us to continue in service was that we had the enemy hemed in, and were anxious to bring to a close a war which had caused such destruction in human life and further the deponant saith not this 28th day Jan'y 1835

Patrick hisXmark Donally

[Joseph W. Morris and Hiram Sander, Justices of the Peace who took Donnally's two declarations, certified that in the original declaration Donnally had stated that he served three terms of two months each, but they had neglected to mention it.]

Louisa County 20th Ap'1 1835

D. Sir [probably James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] In your answer to the supplemental declaration of mine which bears date 31st Feby 1835 [sic] seems not to be satisfactory and though it is a fact that I did serve the six months as stated in my two last declarations yet as I can only prove the two months by P. V. Vass I am willing to relinquish all claim to the six month Tour except the two months Tour proven by P. V. Vass Yours Respectfully

Patrick hisXmark Donally

NOTE: In his own pension application, Vass stated that he had been discharged before the siege of Yorktown. Donnally's claim was rejected for lack of proof of at least six months service as required.