

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis J. Dover R3052

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State of Georgia, County of Habersham} SS

On this nineteenth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of ordinary now sitting Francis J. Dover a resident of said County and state aged Seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following disclosure 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 names of the following named officers and served as herein stated: He entered the service in York District South Carolina he thinks 1778 or 9 under Captain Jenkins [Thomas Jenkins] in the Militia service in the Regiment commanded by Col. Bratton [William Bratton]; he served four months, was in two skirmishes during that time, served out his time and was discharged.

He again reentered the service at the Congaree [River] in South Carolina under Captain Moffett [John Moffett]; enlisted in the State Troops for ten months; was in one engagement at Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] defeat [Battle at Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] during that tour; served out his ten months and was discharged by Colonel Washington [William Washington].

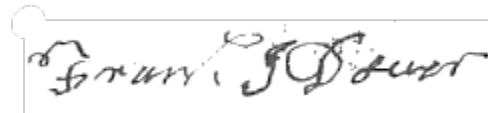
He then enlisted under Captain Copeland at Moncks Corner in South Carolina for the term of two years; he was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley [John Paisley or Peasley] under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]; he was marched into North Carolina was in the battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] under General Greene; he served out his two years and was discharged at Halifax [County] in Virginia by his captain; his discharge was signed by Captain Hambright.

He was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1761; has no record of his age; resided at the time of entering service in York District South Carolina; after the War he removed to Pendleton District South Carolina; from thence he removed to Habersham County Georgia where he has resided ever since; he has lost all his discharges by the burning of his house.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis J. Dover



S/ Jonathan C. Chastain C. C.

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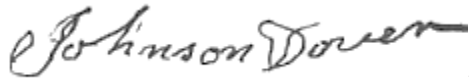
In open Court personally appeared Hezekiah Dover who after being duly sworn deposed and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with the above named applicant Francis J. Dover in the Revolutionary War that he frequently saw him in the service of the United States during that War and knows that he did serve several tours of duty.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the date above.

S/ Hezekiah Dover, X his mark

S/ Jonathan C. Chastain, C. C.

[p 7: On June 19, 1852 Johnson Dover, son and legal representative of Francis Dover, filed a power of attorney in which he states that Francis Dover died December 13, 1851. The power of attorney was signed in Habersham County Georgia.



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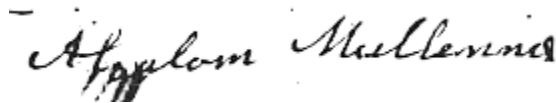
Georgia Habersham County

Personally appeared before me John R. Stanford one of the Judges of the Inferior Court for the County and State aforesaid, Absalom Mullinax a resident of Pickens District State of South Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says That he is well acquainted with Francis J. Dover to whose declaration for a pension this affidavit is attached and that during the Revolutionary War he deponent lived in York District South Carolina, and that he knew and saw the said Dover in the Army of South Carolina under Captain Jenkins, in the year 1777 or 1778, Witness further says that he saw said Dover serving in the Army of the United States at several different times during the War and that it was reported and believed in that neighborhood that said Dover did serve his country in the Army during the whole of the Revolutionary War, and deponent fully concurs in that belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of July 1838

S/ Jno. R. Stanford, JIC

S/ Absalom Mullinnex



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State of Georgia County of Habersham

On this 9th Day of July in the year 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable the Inferior Court of the State & County aforesaid being a Court of Record, Francis J. Dover a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer private soldier in Guilford County State of North Carolina under Captain Jenkins and Colonel Paisley and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] to the best of his recollection on the 11th day of July in the year

1777, and was marched to Salisbury North Carolina where he was stationed under the same officers about five months and was then marched to York District South Carolina, and from thence to Camden, where he was some time stationed, and from thence was marched through the country in South Carolina, to the Congaree and Wateree Rivers where he joined General Gates [Horatio Gates], Captain Jenkins having been killed near Ninety Six Lieutenant Copeland was appointed in his place. He was afterwards marched through the Country in different directions, sometimes advancing and some times retreating, & sometimes detached on scouting parties, and was with General Gates at his defeat near Salisbury and from thence marched to Salisbury and from thence was again marched to the Congaree River in South Carolina, and was placed under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and after having served in regular tours of duty the one beginning as soon as the other ended for two years or as he states for twenty-three or twenty-five months he does not recollect which, (but it was one month over or under two years) he enlisted in the month of June or August 1779 in the regular Continental Army under General Greene for and during the War. He enlisted to the best of his recollection at the date last aforesaid as a private soldier at Ankrums [sic, Ancrum's] on the Congaree under General Greene Colonel Washington and Captain George Ross were stationed at Ancrum's about three months, and was then marched about the Country in different directions, not now recollected, until January 1781 when he was in the battle at the Cowpens, where under General Morgan they beat the British (Green being at Broad River) from the Cowpens was again marched about the country until the month of March, when he was again in battle against the British at Guilford North Carolina, where declarant was wounded both in the leg and arm. At Guilford was under Greene, and the British were under Lord's Rawdon and Cornwallis. After the battle he was two different points to watch the motions of the enemy until they finally got into their entrenchments at York in Virginia and where he remained at the siege until the surrender of Cornwallis. After the taking of York he was marched to Newburgh [sic, New Bern?] North Carolina, at which place and in the neighborhood he was stationed for upwards of 12 months and until peace was proclaimed when he was regularly discharged by Captain Bluford, Major Thomson and Colonel Lacey. According to the best of his recollection he served four years under this last regular enlistment. To the best of his recollection he was discharged in November 1783 and by Captain Bluford. To the several questions propounded by the Court, he answers according to the numbers.

1. He was born on Haw River North Carolina about 40 miles from Guilford, but does not recollect the County was born the 28th day of June 1760.
2. He had a record of his age, but it was burned with his house
3. When he first volunteered, he was living in York District South Carolina (to which place his family and removed from Haw River) about one mile from King's Mountain Battle Brown. When discharged from the Army, he went back to York District South Carolina, where he lived three or four years, and then removed to Pendleton district South Carolina where he lived twenty-eight years, and then removed to Habersham County Georgia where he has resided for about nineteen years last past.
4. He first entered & served 23 or 25 months as a volunteer and then immediately enlisted for & during the war and served it out.
5. He has answered this question in the body of his declaration, except that he was sometimes own detached service under Colonel Hambright, Colonel William Grimes, General Smallwood and General Butler
6. As he enlisted from the ranks of a continuous service, he received no regular discharge as a volunteer, that he received a written discharge from the Continental Army after peace was

proclaimed and to the best of his recollection it was from Captain Bluford and colonels Lacey or Washington. His discharge was burnt with his house in York District South Carolina, about three years after his discharge

7, He is known to Andrew M. Norris and George Ivester and John Suggs who reside in his neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier but does not know any one by whom he can prove his service, unless he can do so by Hezekiah Dover who saw him frequently in the Army of the Revolution, and by Abram Mullinax, if found yet alive in South Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ Thos. McRea, JIC

S/ Francis J. Dover, 3 his mark

State of Georgia Habersham County: personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court for the County aforesaid Hezekiah Dover, brother of the above declarant who after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was well acquainted with the above declarant in the Revolutionary War & saw him in the Army for a six months tour in the year 1777 he thinks, that at the end of the Tour he returned home for a few days & again entered the Army and remained in it either as a volunteer or regular Continental until the end of the War. Deponent saw him in the Continental Army at several different times during the War. But as deponent was young then, being only about sixteen years of age, he does not recollect the names of the officers under whom he served.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thos. McRea, JIC

S/ Hezekiah Dover, B his mark

[John so, a clergyman, Andrew M. Norris & Georgia Ivester gave the standard supporting affidavit.]