

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dowel (Dowell) R3059

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Tennessee County of Jackson } SS

On this 3rd day of February 1851 before me John Terry a Justice of the Peace for said County of Jackson personally appeared John Dowel a resident of said County aged about eighty-seven 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer private in Burke County State of North Carolina where he then resided under Captain Peter Ford in December 1779 the day of the month not now recollected that it was sometime during the last of that month, to serve a tour of three months in the State of South Carolina. Applicant does not remember the names of the Lieutenant or Ensign, he marched to a small town in South Carolina on the Wateree River where the company rendezvoused, he marched thence under said Captain crossing the Catawba River to Moncks Corner and thence to Charleston -- it was then expected that the British would surround or attack Charleston. The regular soldiers of the American Army were on duty in the City and applicant and his fellow soldiers of the militia were engaged in cutting and hauling pine timber to construct a picketing or defense outside of the breastworks. Applicant does not recollect to what Regiment he was attached nor does he recollect the names of any of the regular officers who were then in the City of Charleston as the duty and sort of service in which he was engaged did not bring him immediately under their command. Applicant remained at Charleston under command of said Captain Ford, until the 1st of March 1780 when he and the rest of the company in which he served and he believes all the militia were marched out of the City in the night, to avoid the enemy, and dismissed from the service as applicant understood on account of the scarcity of provisions and Charleston was then about to be surrounded by the British Army. Applicant did not receive a written discharge but he was regularly dismissed by his Captain. Applicant did not serve out the full term of his engagement for the reason above stated but he served during this term at the least two months.

Applicant again entered the service of the United States as a private by enlistment ~~under~~ in said County of Burke where he then resided in September 1780 under Captain John Sumpter [sic, John Sumter] to serve for the term of ten months -- he was marched to South Carolina on the Wateree and placed under the command of Captain McKenzie [William McKenzie] and Lieutenant John McKenzie the Captain's brother, and was attached to a Regiment commanded by [Lt.] Colonel Wade Hampton [sic, Colonel William Hill] the Major's name he thinks was Buford [William Buford]. Applicant was marched about from place to place on the waters of Wateree,

Congaree and Santee in said State of South Carolina to protect the inhabitants from the Tories and keep them the Tories in check -- According to applicant's recollection General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was commander of the troops with which he served but he does not recollect that he ever saw General Sumter. Applicant served out his full term of ten months when in July in the same year he was discharged he thinks his discharge was signed by Colonel Hampton, but said discharge has long since been lost and applicant of course cannot now referred to it and must depend entirely upon the frail recollection of an old man. That applicant is certain that he served out his full term of ten months when he was honorably discharged. No important events took place and no battle was fought by the Army in which he served but applicant underwent great hardships of cold & hunger and want of clothing. Applicant served in the war of the Revolution in the service of the United States during the two terms of his engagement as above stated at least twelve months or one year. Applicant does not now recollect the names of any other [of] the regular or Continental officers with whom he served except those above named. Applicant has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, except Richard Heron who lives in DeKalb County in this State near the line of this County, who can testify to his service. And he cannot prove the particulars of his service but applicant cannot say what he will prove, and refers to his affidavit which he will try through his friends to procure. Applicant was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the year 1764, has no record of his age. Since the Revolution he has lived in Burke County North Carolina, Cumberland County Kentucky, Overton County, Smith County in Jackson County in the State of Tennessee in which last County he now lives. Some of the persons in applicant's neighborhood by whom he can prove the reputation in the neighborhood of his having been a soldier of the Revolution and who can testify to his character for veracity are Carr Terry, Curtis Terry, James M. Loftis, Abraham Buck, Henry Bullington, Joseph Lacock, Isaac Whitaker & Montgomery Kincaid. No clergyman lives in his neighborhood.

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.

One and the principal reason why applicant did not apply sooner for a pension under said act of Congress, is that he expected to procure the evidence of Ananias Allen¹ of Jackson County Alabama who came from Burke County North Carolina and was acquainted with Applicant both in said County of Burke & in this County. Applicant made an attempt to procure his affidavit and failed as he thinks through a mistake in Allen sending an affidavit in favor of applicant's Brother² -- and before he could procure another, Allen died. Applicant did not know that he could procure the affidavits of Richard Heron until within about three months. Heron lives about 15 or 16 miles from applicant.

S/ John Dowel



[attested by John Terry, JP]

[Curtis Terry and Henry Bullington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 20: Richard Heron, 83, of DeKalb County, Tennessee gave testimony that he knew John

¹ This is PROBABLY a reference to [Ananias Allen R100](#)

² [George Dowel \(Dowel\) S32222](#)

Dowel while living in Burke County North Carolina; that he was aware of Dowel entering the service in the reputation in the neighborhood that he was absent while serving in the militia during the revolution. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Dowel [Dowell]
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October ye 20th 1787

Gentlemen

Please to pay the Bearer William McCracken my Indent that Due me for my Service in the State Troops Colonel William Hill's Regiment.

S/ John Dowel, X his mark

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I please to pay the Bearer William McCracken
my Indent that Due me for my service in
the State Troops Colonel William Hill's Regiment
John ^{his} Dowel
mark

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