

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Major Dowell R3061 VA
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State of Virginia, Albemarle County Sclt.

On this 5th day of nov'r. 1834 personally appeared in open court before the county Court of Albemarle now sitting, Major Dowell a resident of the County of Albemarle and state of virginia aged seventy four years, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith, and makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The declarant says that he entered the service of the united states, under the following named officers. He was in the service at the Albemarle Barracks, under Capt. Burke, and was in service, as well as now recollects on month, & further states that he was at the same Barraks another time the precise period he does not recollect. he thinks less than a month. & further states that he was drafted in the County of Albemarle under Capt. Dalton he thinks in the fall of the year 1780, and was marched to Richmond, at that place he was put under Bennett Henderson and marched about fifty miles below Richmond, there crossed the river and marched to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] and thence to Petersburg where the company was discharged. This tour was about one month in duration. After this he was drafted again in the same County, and marched under Col. [Reuben] Lindsay from Albemarle to Richmond upon the old mountain road, thence to Dandridges old fields [21 mi above Richmond in Hanover County], thence to Scotchtown, thence to Wilderness tavern [probably in Spotsylvania County] thence to the Racoon ford [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River], from thenc by Brocks bridge [across North Anna River on Marquis Road near Monrovia VA] to Bronvells [Brownwells?] ordinary along the Marquis road to Alleses near Columbia. thence towards Richmond to the Burnt Chimneys, New Kent Courthouse &c thence to the Jamestown, thence to the Morven hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], where the troops were discharged. This was a two months tour. upon his return he was in service at the Barracks in Albemarle under George Rice (Capt) and James Hawkins manager where he was employed as a blacksmith for the period of about five months to the best of his recollection. This was in the Continental line, the other drafts were in the State line. He further says that these make between nine and ten months, that he was born in Albemarle, resided there at the time he he was called into service and has continued in the same County ever since, was born in the year 1759 Has no record of his age. That he never rec'd. a written discharge as well as he recollects. That he is well known to John Goss a clergyman in his neighbourhood, and to James Duke a neighbour who can certify as to his character for veracity, and their beleif of his service. he relies upon the affidavit of Daniel Maupin [pension application S5733] hereunto annexed as evidence of his service in the Continental service at the Barracks. That William Brockman whose affidavit is also hereunto annexed served with him for three months in two tours alluded to.

The declarant 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 any state. Major Dowell

Albemarle County Sclt.

This day William Brockman appeared before me a Justice of the peace for s'd. County who made oath that he entered the service with Major Dowell and that he knows that he served three months in the revolutionary war in the state line as above stated. Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1832.

Albemarle County to wit:

This day Daniel Maupin made oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that Major Dowell was in the service at the Barracks as blacksmith in the revolution as much as three months I found him there in the latter part of Sept'r. 1781 I left him the latter part of Dece'r. 1781 given under my hand this 2nd day of Oct. 1832

NOTE: On 20 Dec 1852 Simpson F. Taylor of Staunton VA assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension applied for by Major Dowell, stating that he was the husband of Virginia Dowell, daughter and only living descendant of Major Dowell. A letter from the attorney dated 22 Dec 1852 reads in part: "Mr. Dowell had but two children, a son & daughter. The son died without issue & unmarried, some three years since."