

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Dudley R3105

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State of Kentucky County of Adair

On this ninth Day of May A.D. 1854, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William Dudley, aged 94 years, a resident of Adair County in the State of Kentucky, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical William Dudley who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; that he was drafted in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina, on or about the 1st day of August A.D. 1779 and continued in actual service in said war for 18 months, as a private, in the Militia line, a portion of the time under command of Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], that he does not now recollect the name of any other officer under whom he served; that he again entered the service, as a soldier in the Continental line and continued in actual service in said line for the term of six months he thinks in the year 1781, but that these dates may not be exactly correct, but that he was at the battle of King's Mountain in October A.D. 1780, while in the Militia line; and that his service in the Continental line was rendered in the State of Virginia near the close of the war; that he received honorable written discharges from said service which he retained in his possession until within a few years when they were destroyed by fire; that he was in said service will appear by reference to the record here with presented; that he was discharged by Congress from the Continental line after the first day of January 1781; that he served 18 months in the Militia line and six months in the Continental line, for which he has never received any bounty or pension under any act of Congress or rules of law, nor made any application therefore.

That having a complacency he has deemed it unnecessary to make application heretofore, but age and a change of circumstances has rendered it desirable to obtain a pension to which he is entitled; he therefore makes this application for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which he is entitled under the act of Congress of May 15th 1828 and of June 7th 1832, and requests the same to be paid to Marion N. car who is hereby fully authorized to receive and receipt for the same as his Attorney.

S/ William Dudley {Seal}

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first above written. I also certify that I believe said William Dudley to have served as set forth in the foregoing declaration.

S/ John B. Gates, JP

[T. J. Baker, T. E. Baker and Solomon Baker gave testimony as to the character of the applicant and his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.]

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Clover Hill, Kentucky May 11th 1854

Sir:

Enclosed you will find the declaration of William Dudley claiming a pension under the acts of May 15th 1828 46 months service in the Continental line, and of June seventh 1832 for 18 months in the militia line.

Hundreds of witnesses would testify that they believe him to have served as stated and that he had been so reputed for sixty years but the within is deemed sufficient and is respectfully submitted by

Your humble servant,  
M. N. Carr

Mr. Dudley had his discharges a few years ago and was often solicited to draw his pension, but having Fanny he declined until my emancipating his slaves and other acts of benevolence he has been reduced to want and respectfully begs for the pension to which he is entitled.

Direct to meet at "Clover Hill, Ky"

M. N. C.

State of Kentucky, County of Adair

On this eighteenth day of November A.D. 1854, personally appeared before the presiding Judge of the Adair County Court, William Dudley, a resident of Adair County in the State of Kentucky, aged 94 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, and served as herein stated: That he was drafted in Wilkes County, in the State of North Carolina on or about the first day of September A.D. 1778, for the term of six months as a private in the Militia line, and marched through the County of Iredell to Salisbury, and continued in actual service until about the first day of March A.D. 1779, when he was honorably discharged; that he does not recollect the names of any American officer in Command than that of General Howe [Robert Howe?]; That he was again drafted in Wilkes County, North Carolina, on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1779, for the term of six months, and continued in actual service, as a private in the Militia line, until about the first day of March, A.D. 1780, when he was honorably discharged; That he was again drafted in Wilkes County North Carolina, on or about the first of September A.D. 1780, for the term of six months, as a private in the Militia Troops, and Marched to near the confines of North and South Carolina, and placed under command of Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], and was at the battle of King's Mountain in October, 1780, and continued in actual service in said war, until about the first day of March A.D. 1781, when he was honorably discharged.

That from old age and consequent loss of memory, he is unable to state the names of the different officers under whom he served; but that he served eighteen months as a militiaman, in the field, in an embodied corps, called into service by competent authority, in the State of North Carolina, and six months in the Continental Line in the State of Virginia; that he enlisted in Hanover County, Virginia, as a private in the Continental Line, on or about the sixth day of January A.D. 1782, for the term of six months, and was marched to near Richmond and continued in actual service, in the field, until about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1782, when he was honorably discharged; that for the time during

which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit; that he has no documentary evidence of his service, except a Certificate from the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of North Carolina setting forth the Amount of money he received for military service in the Revolutionary war, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in the year 1760; that he has no record of his age; that he was living in Wilkes County, North Carolina, at the time he was called into militia service; and in Hanover County, Virginia, at the time he enlisted in the Continental Line; that he has lived in Adair County Kentucky, about sixty years; that from loss of memory he is unable to state the names of any of the Regular officers, except those before mentioned, or to particularly describe the country through which he marched; that he received honorable written discharges, but that they were destroyed by fire a few years since.

That he refers to James Breeding and Samuel B. Field who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution.

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 any State.

S/ William Dudley, X his mark

Test: S/ Johnathan Johnson

[fn 11: James Breeding, a clergyman and Samuel B. Field gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: certificate dated April 12, 1854 from William J. Clarke, Comptroller of the state of North Carolina certifying the records in his office showing certain payments made to "William Dudley" for military services in the revolutionary war.]

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