

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Dukes R3111 Elizabeth Dukes MD
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State of Ohio }

Ross County }

On this seventeenth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County, now sitting Isaac Dukes, a resident of Concord Township in the County of Ross and state of Ohio, aged seventy years or upwards, 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 7th 1832.

That from information and from Robert Haran sheriff of the County of Worcester & State of Maryland, who read his age to him, from the Records in the Clerks office in said County in the year 1812, he was then fifty one years old, as appeared by the Record of his indenture of apprenticeship; his parents having died when he was a child. That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia in the Revolutionary War, from Worcester County, Maryland, where he then resided, in the summer of the year that the battle was fought at Rhode Island, between Gen'l Washington & Admiral [Richard] Howe [sic: more likely the Battle of Long Island, 27 Aug 1776] – he was drafted for a tour of six months, and was taken by Col'l Hopewell, to Rhode Island, but being an apprentice at the time his master sent a substitute and relieved him and he returned home, having been on duty three or four weeks. In the fall of the same year he was again drafted, and entered the service of the U. States on a tour of four months and was attached to a company commanded by Capt James Bennett, Lt Gilly & Ens'n Harsey[?] from the same County, commanded by Col'l Shield, Col'l of the County, and was marched to Ballards ferry, on the Wrycomico [sic: Wicomico] River, to guard the British from landing &c, where he rec'd a wound in the calf of his right leg, as he supposes by a ball, as the balls were flying very thick from the enemy's Barge at the time, and it was dark; after which, being wholly confined by his wound for about eight weeks before the expiration of of the 4 months he was carried home. In the fall of the next year, his wound having been healed, he Inlisted in the service of the United States, as a Privateer [see endnote] on board of the Buckskin a Scooner, commanded by Capt George Handy and Severen Hitch as mate; on a tour of three months, and were mostly employed casting in search of the enemy; during which tour he assisted in taking two british Brigs, which were both sent into Norfolk Va; we then returned home. In the following spring he was again drafted, together with the whole Company commanded by Capt Bennet, Lt Gilly & Ens'n Horsey he was marched to house's[?] point, on the Wycomaco River as a guard, and was shortly after taken prisoner by a Brititsh barge, but was soon discharged and returned home. In the spring of the year, he thinks in April, 1781 he was again drafted on a tour of six months in the Militia, and was marched by Lt John Dove of the Regular troops to Guilford County North Carolina where he was attached to a company of Regular soldiers [probably February or March 1781], commanded by Capt. Murrow [possibly Robert Morrow] Commanded by Col'l Murrow and Gen'l Washington, and was in the battle of York Town, Virginia when Corn Wallace was taken [sic: siege of Yorktown when Cornwallis was taken on 19 Oct 1781], and was in the service about seven months, when he was discharged and returned home, to Worcester County Maryland, where he resided till the year 1812, when he removed to his present place of Residence in the County of Ross in the state of Ohio where he has resided the last 20 years. That his discharge was by some means lost – he has no documentary evidence of any of the aforesaid facts, that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. 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.

Isaac hisXmark Dukes

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Be it known that before me Peter Patterson a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, on the eighth day of May 1833 personally appeared Isaac Dukes, a resident of Concord Township in said County, and made oath in due form of Law, that in the first tour of his service in the Revolutionary War, named in his Declaration, before the Court of Common Pleas for said County on the 17th of Oct'r past he served the full term of three weeks; in place of the tour of six months, for which he had been drafted. On his second tour named in said Declaration, for four months, he performed the full time of two months actual service, under Capt. James Bennett when he was prevented from performing duty the other two months by a wound, as stated in his Declaration. On his third tour of Duty named in his Declaration, he performed the full tour of three months, under Capt Handy, being the term for which he was inlisted. On his fourth tour of duty named in his Declaration, he served the full time of three weeks – and on his fifth tour he served in actual service, the full term of six months – making in all, the full time of twelve months [sic] and fifteen days; actual service, for which he claims a pension under the act of Congress aforesaid. Isaac hisXmark Dukes

NOTES:

As the name implies, a Privateer was a civil employee on a privately owned vessel authorized to seize enemy vessels.

On 25 May 1833 Isaac Dukes was issued a certificate for a pension of \$57.98 per year for serving 14 months and 12 days as a Private in the Militia.

A Treasury Department document states that the widow of Isaac Dukes received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 17 April 1835.

On 11 Feb 1840 Elizabeth Dukes of Clinton County IN, aged 68 on 12 July 1840, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Isaac Dukes in Worcester County MD in April 1793 by John Millburn “a Methodist Circuit Rider of the M. E. C.,” and they had the following children: “Davis Dukes born in January 1794, Mary Dukes born in May 1796, James Dukes born in May 1798, Isaac Dukes born 1800, Elizabeth Dukes born in July 1802, Katharine Dukes was born in 1806, Spencer Dukes was born in 1808 and Samuel Dukes was born in 1811.” Davis Dukes stated that he was born on 18 Jan 1794. Elizabeth Dukes’s application was rejected for insufficient proof of the date of marriage.