

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Dunlap R3139

Nancy Dunlap

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State of Illinois Crawford County } Sct.

On this 4th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Crawford County Commissioners Court, now sitting, William Dunlap, a resident of Crawford County and State of Illinois aged Seventy-two years from some time in the year 1760, 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That early in March 1780 living in Lawrence County [sic, Laurens County], State of South Carolina he volunteered and performed a six months tour under Captain Joseph Pearson Samuel Pearson Lieutenant rendezvoused at Orangeburg we ranged from thence towards the head of Cooper River where his Captain & company were stationed some time and late in the fall returned home, in the year 1781 he was drafted under Captain Duval [Lewis Duvall] & marched down the coast & halted between Savony River [sic, Savannah River?] & Ashley River & then Capt. Duval elected Major & he was placed under the Command of Captain Kenner Hudson [sic, Kennie Hudson] & done camp duty there for 6 [? digit written over and difficult to read] months & then returned home, but afterwards was out several times in which he was in company with Captain Hudson & in the year 1782 he ranged as duty called under the command of said Hudson such bordering on the frontier between South Carolina and the Indians: in the fall returned home. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service save the testimony of Hannah Higgins whose affidavit is hereby annexed.

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.

Interrogatories answered¹

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

- Question 1. He was born in Lawrence [Laurens] County State of South Carolina in 1760
2. He has no record of his age now nor never had whereby he can ascertain the month
 3. He lived in Lawrence County South Carolina when called into service & several years since the revolution war he lived in the same State in Union County for about 2 years moved from thence to Kentucky lived there several years from thence he removed to the State of Illinois where he now resides.
 4. He volunteered but served principally as a Ranger
 5. He joined no Army nor regular Officers was with his Company through the course of his service.
 6. He received a written discharge signed by Captain Hudson & Captain Duval but is lost or mislaid.

Quest. 7. Thomas Kennedy, [indecipherable first name] Higgins & Hannah Higgins all persons who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Dunlap, X his mark

[Thomas Kennedy, a clergyman, and Jesse Higgins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I do solemnly swear that I was well acquainted [with] William Dunlap in the time of the revolutionary war, and was knowing to his serving in said war as follows, and my [word partially obscured word could be "brother" but looks more like "mother"] fitted out for the service one tour of duty and he was gone a long time [words obliterated] I cannot recollect how long, but [words obliterated] returned home again he told us that he had served under Captain Duvall & Kenner Hudson for said tour he was drafted.

S/ Hannah Higgans, X her mark

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State of Illinois Crawford County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County William Dunlap who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades --

For 6 months as a private under Captain Pierson [Pearson]

For 3 months as a private under Captain Duvall & Hudson

For 4 months as a private under Captain Hudson

and for which periods of service, the Companies to which he belonged was under the Command of Colonel Casey [Levi Casey] -- and for which service I claim a pension.

S/ D. Boatright

and further the said William Dunlap swears that he knows of no other person than Hannah Higgins by whom he is known to have performed the service above set forth or any part thereof.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

S/ D. Boatright, JP

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August 27th 1838

I certify that my Father Peter Barrick and my Brother Peter told me they met with William Dunlap Senior and William McDowells still house some 15 years ago And that said Dunlap said he was a Tory in the revolutionary war, and that the Whigs caught him and his Brother and drove them before them (the Whigs being on horseback) through a marsh, and that he out went his brother in the marsh and the last he has ever seen or heard of him he was a dipping up water either with his hands or hat to drank, and that he Dunlap made his escape from the Whigs, and again joined the Tories.

S/ Alexander M. Barrick

Alexander M Barrick

Note I expect to see my Father & Brother shortly and then a certificate will be obtained from them.

A. M. B.

My Dear Sir,

You can see from the above certificate what kind of man has applied and succeeded in getting pensions, This same Dunlap is one of the men who certify for Garrard,² and likewise Garrard for him. The plain truth is neither of them were entitled to a pension.

I understand Garrard had sent on more testimony. You will do me as well as the department a favor to let me know the name of the witness, where he lives and the name of the magistrate before whom he testified: As I think I perhaps have some knowledge of the source from whence it came, and I will write you the result of my inquiry. Likewise, a certificate from the Barricks under oath. I am yours with the utmost respect

S/ David McGahey

David McGahey

J. L. Edwards, Esq.

Commr of pensions

A. M. Barrick is a man of good standing

[p 55: On July 15, 1843 in Crawford County Illinois, Nancy Dunlap, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Dunlap; that her husband was a pensioner for his services in the revolution on the Illinois roll at the rate of \$43.33 per annum; that she married him the 15th or 16th day of March 1788 and that her husband died July 2, 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 47: On July 18, 1843 in Crawford County Illinois, William Dunlap, about 47, gave testimony that his father William Dunlap died July 2, 1835; that he is the oldest surviving child of the said deceased and that if the oldest child of said deceased were now living, that child would be about 54 years old. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

² See the file of [William Garrard S32263](#) which also contains correspondence from McGahey to Edwards regarding Garrard's claim for a pension.

[p 11: On April 18, 1845 in Crawford County Illinois, Nancy Dunlap, 77, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838, 1843 and 1844 acts stating that she is the widow of William Dunlap; that she married him March 7 1787; that her husband died July 2, 1835; that she remains his widow.]

[p 16: On October 27, 1852, in Crawford County Illinois, William Dunlap, 56, filed a claim stating that he is the son of William Dunlap a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of __ ; that his father died July 3, 1835; that his mother Nancy Dunlap died June 15, 1846; that they were married __ day of __ 17__ ; that his parents were residents of Crawford County Illinois from about the year 1818 and at the time of their deaths.]

[p 8: On January 31, 1846 in Crawford County Illinois, John Waldrop Senior, 67, testified that he formerly lived in Lawrence County [Laurens County] South Carolina and there was acquainted with William Dunlap and Nancy Waldrop before their marriage; that they were married in Lawrence County South Carolina before the year 1791 or 1792 that he was not over the age of 7 at the time they were married; that Nancy Waldrop came to her father's house to have her first child, which child was named Elizabeth; that in all the moves made by William Dunlap and his wife, he the deponent is lived near them first in South Carolina then in Christian County Kentucky and now in Crawford County Illinois.]

[p 42: Certificate dated October 30, 1843 from the South Carolina Comptrollers office in Columbia showing indents for payments made to a William Dunlap for service as a horseman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Casey; for 52 days duty as a horseman in Captain Millwee's Company; for 118 days service as a horseman and Captain Saxon's Company from January 1781 to 13 November 1782; also 90 days as Sergeant of horse in Captain Millwee's company from January 1782 to May 1783 the whole and Colonel Casey's Regiment.]³

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and one month in the South Carolina militia.]

³ This information, however, would seem to relate to the William Dunlap whose application is found in [William Dunlap W2723](#) who named Millwee, Saxon and Casey as officers under whom he served.