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Pension application of Silas Dunn R3147

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: On this 3rd day of October 1848 personally appeared in open court in the County Court of Rutherford County in the State aforesaid John R. Dunn a resident of the County of Rutherford and State aforesaid aged thirty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he is the son of Silas Dunn who was a Captain in the revolutionary war. That in \_\_ his father said Silas Dunn entered the service of the United States, that he is not positive in what way he went into said service, but believes he enlisted. That at the time he went into said service he resided in the State of North Carolina and belonged to the North Carolina line. That he is not positive whether he went into said service as a private or an officer. Declarant believes said Silas Dunn joined the Army of the United States at Solsberry [sic, Salisbury] in North Carolina. And after he joined said Army he marched through different parts of the United States serving against the British and Tories. Declarant states that Silas Dunn has been dead so many years, that he does not at this time recollect any of the officers names under whom he served except as to his general. That George Washington was his General. That but a short time after he entered the service of the United States, he was elected and received the office & commission of a Captain and served in that capacity till peace was made in 1782. He states that said Captain Silas Dunn served but one tour and that was five years and six months which term of time was the time which roll around after he entered said service till peace was made. He states that on the 3rd day of January 1809 said Captain Silas Dunn died. That he died six miles from Salisbury in North Carolina. But declarant does not know what was done with his commission. He states said Captain Silas Dunn had twelve children, all of whom are dead except six, the names of those still living are Elizabeth Strotry [?] formerly Elizabeth Dunn who from last information lived in Rowan County North Carolina Henry Dunn & William Dunn who from last information lived in Union District in the State of South Carolina, George Dunn who from last information lived in McCracken County Kentucky. And Charles Dunn who from last information lived in Rowan County North Carolina. He states that his mother Mary Dunn is dead. That she died on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1822 in North Carolina. He declares that the name of the said Captain Silas Dunn his father was never on the pension roll of any Agency in any State in the United States nor that he never did in his lifetime received one cent as compensation from the Government of the United States as he is fully advised and believes. Declarant prays that as said Captain Silas Dunn and his widow said Mary Dunn are both dead that the department will issue a pension certificate directing the personages at Nashville Tennessee to pay over to declarant the part of the pension or annuity which is owing & due the said Captain Silas Dunn or at least declarant's part thereof. He states that he does not

at this time know of any living witness by whom he can prove the services of said Captain Silas Dunn. Declarant states that he wants the department to transmit said pension certificate and make all their returns to John Bruce\_\_[illegible] my attorney to Murfreesborough Rutherford County Tennessee.

S/ John R. Dunn

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Woods, Clerk

[No pension was awarded in this case for, among other reasons, the fact that the pension acts provided for pensions or annuities in favor of the children of veterans and both parents having died before the effective date of the pension acts, no pension was due their estates.]