

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Durham R3158

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State of Tennessee Perry County

On this 21st day of July personally appeared before the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting for the County of Perry in the Court house in the town of Perryville Joseph Durham aged 69 years last March who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year [obliterated] Robert Singleton and served in Colonel Dickson's [sic, Col. Henry Dixon's] Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named Officers Colonel Henry Dixon Major Tilmon Dickson [sic, Tilghman Dixon] were declarant's field officers John Summers was his Captain the rest of his company officers he cannot now name as he has forgotten their names he enlisted under Robert Singleton -- he does not now know but Declarant thinks he was a Captain but Declarant was very young at that time only a little better than fourteen years of age and cannot tell so much about the rank of different officers as he could have done if he had been at all times with the Army but when he enlisted he was driving the wagon & the wagon master John Southerland treated Declarant very badly & Colonel Dixon being informed of that fact by declarant's brother Nathaniel Durham who was in the same Regiment -- & the Colonel sent Robert Singleton to Declarant to enlist declarant & to take him from under the control of Southerland & declarant enlisted for during the war which time he served mostly as a mail courier by the order of his Colonel and was always ready to obey his officers in any or everything. He was discharged at the close of the war he thinks about the end of the year 1782 by his Colonel who was then Colonel Sanders as Colonel Dixon died¹ while declarant was in service & then Sanders took command of the Regiment he carried expresses from place as he was directed by the officers in command the Army marched from near Camden where he enlisted two different parts in South Carolina to Ninety Six, Charleston & to Savannah he declarant cannot tell so much about particulars as if he had always with the Army he never was in a battle but was not far from the battle at Guilford when he was a Wagoner he resided when he enlisted in Caswell County North Carolina but he enlisted in South Carolina near Camden he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Durham, X his mark

State of Tennessee Perry County: This day personally appeared Nathaniel Dickson who is a

¹ Henry Dixon died July 17, 1782.

respected man credible witness before me Lemuel Luton one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County -- and made oath in due form of law that he was present and saw Joseph Durham enlist under Captain Robert Singleton near Camden and that he Durham is now present & is the identical same man that he enlisted to serve in a military capacity for during the war that he enlisted in the year 1780 that he deponent was again present at Salisbury in North Carolina when said Durham was honorably discharged he deponent believes that Durham carried the mail most of the time he knows that said Durham was Detailed for that purpose but whether he was sent all the time with the mail he can not positively say -- as he witness was not long with the Army only six months but was present when he Durham enlisted & when he was discharged he enlisted in a military capacity & was discharged honorably and 1780.

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of November 1834 before me.

S/ Nathaniel Dickison, X his mark

S/ Lemuel Luton, JP