

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Downey S12778

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County of Hopkins }

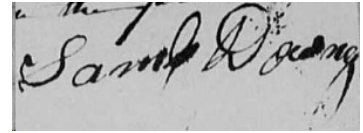
On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of said County now sitting Samuel Downey a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged about sixty six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits 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. He states he was born in Augusta in Virginia in 1765 or 66

That early in the year 1781 in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia aforesaid (where he then resided) he volunteered and served a tour of three months and twelve days under Colonel Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews], Maj'r. [Alexander] Robertson & Capt John Cunningham of the Virginia Militia – that he rendezvoused where Winnsborough [sic: the Widow Teas's, now Waynesboro] now stands in the said County of Augusta in January 1781 & marched thence to Fredericksburg, thence to Camp Carson 24 miles from Portsmouth where he served sometime, retreated thence to a small Town called Suffolk, thence marched through Petersburg, Richmond & Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville] home and was discharged having served out the time aforesaid – was commanded by Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson a short time at Camp Carson & by Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg afterwards – these were Continental Officers as he believes – he received no written discharge. He volunteered under Capt Thomas Smith of Staunton Va. at the time the Legislature was dispersed at Charlottesville [4 Jun 1781] – met the members of the Legislature on the road to Staunton where they again assembled & did business – He marched with Capt Smith's command into the neighbourhood of Charlottesville & there ascertained that the enemy had turned his course towards Richmond – was then marched home and discharged – received no written discharge — He volunteered again under Capt T. Smith aforesaid on the rumor that the enemy were marching to Staunton where the Legislature was in Session, marching across the Blue Ridge to meet the enemy, ascertained the rumor to be false and again returned home and was discharged – received no written discharge – he does not recollect the length of these two last tours but believes the two together amounted to fifteen days – he distinctly recollects that Colo. Robert Gamble was along the first of these short tours

He volunteered again under Capt Thomas Smith of Staunton in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Lewis of Greenbrier County Va on a three months tour – rendezvoused at Winnsborough & marched thence to Richmond thence below some distance and crossed James River, thence recrossed said river at Old James Town where Gen'l. Muhlenberg took command – thence marched thro Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] into the neighbourhood of York Town where he lay several days – he then joined the besieging army under Gen'l. Washington – he saw at York Town Generals LaFayette, [Anthony] Wayne, [Benjamin] Lincoln & various other Continental Officers, he served in the besieging army until a few days before Lord Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] when his time having expired and he being sick was confined in the Hospital several days – he was after the surrender & before his health was sufficiently recovered marched home and discharged – having served out his full time – he never received a written discharge. He has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – after revolution he removed to Montgomery County Ky thence to Hopkins County Ky where he resides at this time

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

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Saml D. Jones".