

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Duncan S12812 VA
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State of Kentucky }
Lincoln County to wit }

On this 24th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Lincoln County, State of Kentucky now sitting Samuel Duncan a resident of said County aged seventy Two years, 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 hereinafter stated.

That he entered the Service in the Virginia Militia in the year 1777 from Pitsylvania [sic: Pitsylvania] County Va. as a volunteer under the Command of Capt Wilcher [sic: William Witcher], the Lieutenant was by the name of Morton, they marched from Pytsylvania County to what was called the Long Island [of Holston river at present Kingsport TN], where Col [Isaac] Shelby took the Command and commanded untill the end of the Campaign Nothing extraordinary ocured during this Campaign except that a spy was killed by the Indians some Distance from Long Island. Col Shelby took 100 men of whom this Declarant was one, and went & buried the spy. He served six months and was discharged by Capt Wilcher. he has lost his discharge

He states that he again entered the service as a volunteer from Pitsylvania County Va. in the year 1780 in the month of December he thinks under the Command of Capt [James] Brewer and marched from Pytsylvania County to the Dan River which he crossed and joined Col [Henry] Lee of the Light horse. That at that place one of the Waggoners fell sick and this applicant was ordered by his Capt to take charge of the Waggon & Team which he did under the direction of a Waggon Master Gen'l. by the name of Saml Edmonston [Samuel Edmonston], he was in the engagement at Whitesells Mills, or hanging rock [sic: skirmish at Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781]. Col Lee was the commanding officer, he recollects that he was between the fire of the Enemy and our own Troops, with his Waggon when the action commenced During the same Tour he was present at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], still in charge of his Waggon Gen'l Nathaniel Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanded the Americans. that Col Lee & [William] Washington of the Light horse were in the engagement, the reason why this declarant took charge (of the waggon after he had volunteered was because he was ordered so to do by Capt Brewer. This was a Tour of six months. he was discharged by Col [Peter] Perkins the Col of his Regiment in Pitsylvania County Va to which place by orders he had returned the Team to its owner James George. he has lost his Discharge. He does not recollect the number of the regiment

That he again entered the service as a volunteer from Pitsylvania County Va. in the year 1781 the month he does not recollect under the command of Capt. Spilton. Rose was the Major, he was present at the Siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] where he continued untill the place was relieved by the Enemy under Lord Rawdon, when they retreated across broad river in South Carolina, where they halted to give the Enemy Battle but they did not come up. that Col Lee then drafted one hundred select men of whom this applicant was one and that he served under Lee the Balance of the Campaign, they had no further engagement with the Enemy, but on account of their weak force was Compelled once or twice to avoid a battle – he states that before the end of the Campaign he was marched to the high Hills of Santee where they joined Gen'l Greene, and he was then discharged by Major Alexander Rose a regular officer. he has lost his discharge – he served a tour of six months.

That he marched from Pytsylvania County in the state of Virginia to the state of North Carolina and through that state in different directions Then through Different parts of South Carolina in and about the Post of Ninety Six untill he was finally discharged among the high hills of Santee He states that he was born in Pitsylvania County state of Virginia in the year 1760. He states that he has

no record of his age. it has been lost, that he removed to the State of Kentucky Lincoln County. that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor can he prove them except as above

He states that he is known in his present Neighbourhood to Joseph Hall and Alfred Hocker who can testify to his Character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution. 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 Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Samuel hisXmark Duncan

NOTE: James Divin (pension application S16365) stated that he knew of Duncan's service at the Siege of Ninety Six, having been an Ensign there at the time.