

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Divin S16365 VA
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State of Kentucky
Lincoln County towit

On this 24th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Lincoln County, now sitting, James Divin, a resident of the said County of Lincoln in the State of Kentucky, aged eighty four 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 herein stated. He states that he was an Ensign in Capt. Brewers [James Brewer's] Company of Virginia Malitia and was called into service as an officer of that grade. he was commanded by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and if he is not mistaken, his Colonels name was Boyd, but he will not state that he was under Boyd any length of time if at all; he thinks he served more than six months this tour but his memory is so much impaired by age, he can not be confident, he states that he entered the service in Pitsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] County Virginia being at that time a resident of that county he cannot recollect the year, but it was some time before the Surrender of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]; he thinks he was discharged in Bedford County Virginia, at which time he was commanded by Colo. Haskins; he states he was in no battle during this Campaign, but the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] was fought, before he was discharged, and he should have been in the Battle he expects, but he was sent after some troops that had deserted and in that way mist the Battle.

He further states that he entered the service again as a Malitia Man from Pitsylvania county Virginia, and was in service during the Siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781]; that he was an Ensign and called in to service as such; he states that he was not in the Siege, having been sent with some Prisoners to Albemarle in Virginia; if he is not mistaken this was also a campaign of six months and he was again discharged in Bedford having delivered the Prisoners to Colo. Caloway [sic: James Callaway or William Callaway] he states that he has lost his discharges and has no documentary evidence of his services.

He further states that he was several campaigns against the Indians during the Revolutionary War, he was under Colo. Christie [William Christian], the other officers he does not recollect, nor can he state by whom he was discharged from service, nor the length of time; nor can he state the times he was called into service or the time he left it so much has his memory become impaired by age in infirmity.

He thinks in all he served two or three years.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. James hisXmark Divin