

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas Douthit S16368

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State of Kentucky, Franklin County

On this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred, and Thirty two, personally appeared before the following Justices to wit; Edward Coleman, Alexander Wilson [?], Asaac Wingate, John Morris and Samuel B. Crockett Esqrs. composing the County Court of Franklin and now in session as a Court, Silas Douthit, a resident of the County of Franklin, and State of Kentucky, aged Sixty nine 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 and served as herein stated.

That on the first of October 1780 [sic, 1781], sometime after the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] in the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia, he was drafted to serve a tour of three months in the Army of the Revolution; that he went accordingly into the service of the Virginia State Line, a military soldier under Captain Daniel Richardson; that Capt. Richardson's company met or rendezvoused in the aforesaid County at Rumney's and marched from that place to Hillsborough in North Carolina where his Captain Richardson's Company formed a part of Col. Lucas' Regiment of Virginia Militia; that General Stephens [Edward Stevens] commanded several Brigades of the Virginia Militia at the place called Hillsborough; that from this place Col. Lucas' Regiment marched to Salisbury; that at Salisbury, his term of service expired and that the solicitations of the officers and a number of the soldiers, [he] volunteered for three months more and marched from this place to Charlotte under the same Capt. Richardson; that from this place Col. Lucas' Regiment marched towards Camden in South Carolina; that whilst he was in South Carolina, he was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Charlotte. That whilst he was in the hospital at Charlotte, Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] took some persons in South Carolina to Virginia, to Albemarle Barracks under the command of the Virginia Militia, commanded by Col. Lucas. That whilst he was sick, he was moved from Charlotte to Salisbury and whilst he was sick, his term of service for six months expired. The Sergeant discharged him by writing under his hand. That from this place he went home, having an order from an officer who was in Salisbury to draw provisions as he went home from any store or commissary of provision. That he went on his way home and drew no provisions from any store. That from this service, he had no discharges except the one the Physician gave him. That he has no documentary evidence. That he knows of no witness by whom he can prove the aforesaid services positively except one brother who is about two years

younger than he is, who knew of his absences and who saw him once when under march in the service whose testimony he will attach hereto in due 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 Rolls of any Agency in the United States.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Silas Douthit



Questions put to the Applicant by the Court

Court: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Virginia, Hampshire County on the 29th of December 1763.

Court: Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age, but my father had and I recollect to have seen it and recollect it to be the day and year aforesaid.

Court: Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolution, and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived when called into the service in Hampshire County, Virginia and came to Kentucky in 1786, settled on Clear Creek in Lafayette County. I now live in Franklin County, where I have lived thirty years and more.

Court: How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, & if so, for whom?

Answer: I was drafted the first tour, the second, I volunteered.

Court: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect.

Answer: When I got to Hillsborough, there was some Regiments of Regulars at that place but I do not recollect anything about them. I recollect only our own Commander and Genl. Stephens.

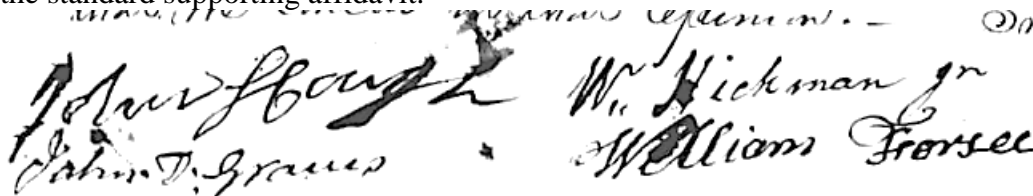
Court: Did you receive a discharge, and if so, where is it?

Answer: I got a written discharge from Doctor McCan [sic, McCain?]. This I have lost.

Court: State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I state as persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood, John Huff, John D. Graves, William Forsee, and William Hickman, a Clergyman of said County.

[William Hickman, Jr., a clergyman, John Hough, John D Graves and William Forsee gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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The deposition of Caleb Douthit taken in Franklin County [Kentucky] on the 15th day of September 1832 to be laid before the Hon. Secretary of War on the behalf of Silas Douthit on

application to be placed on the Pension Roll of the United States as a Soldier of the Revolution. Deponent being by Silas Douhtit produced before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Franklin and living near to and well known by me for the last twelve months as a man of respectable standing in society: and being by me duly cautioned charged and sworn and being of full age to wit Sixty-seven as he avers and as I believe (from his appearance) – Depoeth and saith – that somewhere about the year 1780 his Brother Silas Douthit was drafted as a militia man in Hampshire County Virginia, that after he had rendezvoused he saw his said brother with the troops marching towards South Carolina that his said brother was gone from home six months or longer and he knows him to have been in the service aforesaid and has no doubt that his declaration is true – he also knows that after his Brother returned he received his pay in money called Continental money which he saw and knows his brother then claimed credit for two tours of duty which he believes true and it was then so accredited to him by the public and his neighbors.

S/ Caleb Douthitt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caleb Douthitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]