

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Dunn S16373

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County

Personally came in open Court the same being the Superior Court of said County and State on this the fifteenth day of October 1832 Thomas Dunn aged sixty-nine years living in said County who first being 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 7, 1832.

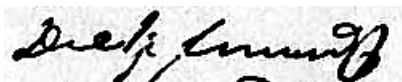
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The applicant states that he served during the Revolutionary war four tours amounting to nine months. The first tour he served as a drawn or drafted Militiaman two months in Sussex County Virginia under Major Nathaniel Lucas -- thinks that this was in the year 1781. Cabin Point was the place of encampment. Col. Harrison's [Charles Harrison's] Artillery was there part of the time. The second tour he served at Cabin Point under the same Major and thinks that Eldridge was Captain. Does not recollect the name of the Colonel. He served six weeks in the second tour.

The third tour applicant served three months the winter before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] as a drawn or drafted militiaman -- Fleming was Colonel, Eldridge Captain and Mulenbury [John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg] was Brigadier General -- thinks that the Major was a Frenchman by the name of Dick [illegible last name]¹. Head quarters was at Mays Mills [more likely Mackey's Mills] but was marching to and from to Portsmouth or near that place where the British was. However in no engagement or battle but the infantry had occasional skirmishes with British and took some prisoners.

The fourth tour applicant served under Genl. Stuben [sic, Steuben] two months the summer (he thinks) before Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. Harrison was Captain. There were he thinks two regiments. Genl. Lawson [Robert Lawson] was Brigadier General, Col. Gascen [? Gaskins?] commanded the regulars new recruits, Col. Tucker commanded the militia. We started from the point Fork on James River -- marched through Cumberland County -- from Cumberland to Charlotte Court house thence to Prince Edward Court house and thence to Carter's Ferry on James River Island at Carter's Ferry several miles up wished to join Lafayette but was prevented by the British. In this tour applicant served four weeks in this Artillery -- joined it at Prince Edward Court house under Captain Williams. The Artillery lay at Carter's Ferry. The main army crossed James River and marched to join Lafayette.

Applicant was discharged at Carter's Ferry. He has no documentary evidence of his service and knows at present of but one person by whom he can prove any of these services. That person is Isham Rainey whose statement is annexed. When he went into service applicant resided in Brunswick County Virginia. Does not recollect the precise time of entering or leaving the service.

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 States.

S/ Thomas Dunn, Sen.



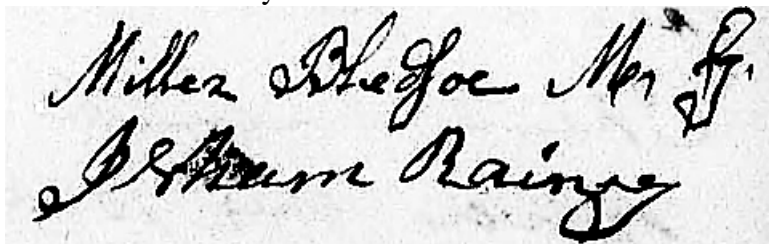
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above written.

S/ John Landrum, Clerk

We, Miller Bledsoe² a clergyman and Isham Rainey, both residing in the said County of Oglethorpe and State of Georgia hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Dunn who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be sixty nine years old, that he is reputed and believed to be in the County where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion. Isham Rainey states that he was with the applicant during his third tour and knows of his own ---- that applicant did serve in that tour as he has stated.

Miller Bledsoe, M.G.

Isham Rainey³



Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ John Landrum, Clerk

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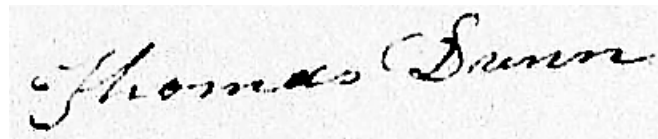
Georgia, Oglethorpe County

Personally came before me Bennet Martin a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Thomas Dunn and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the original declaration heretofore made before William H. Crawford Judge of the Superior Court of the Northern Circuit of said State to wit on the 15th of October 1832, for the purpose of claiming the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 after erasing the word "about" over the 14th [could be 19th] line and the words "something [illegible word] in the 16th line the word "about" in the twenty fourth line on the first page, and the words "and more" in the ninth line & the word "about" in the 23rd line on the second page is Just and true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th Sept. 1833

S/ Bennet Martin, JP

S/ Thomas Dunn



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Georgia, Oglethorpe County

Personally came in open Court the same being the Inferior Court of such County and a Court of Record Thomas Dunn, who appears in Court for the purpose of amending his declaration heretofore made and sent to the War Department in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of 7 June 1832 and states positively that he has no Documentary evidence of his services as a

² probably the same man as [Miller Bledsoe S31556](#)

³ I could find no federal pension by this name

soldier of the revolution. He cannot and will not state positively the precise time when these services were performed. He has stated in his declaration that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove these services except Isham Rainey, who was statement accompanied the original declaration – for all the tours mentioned in his declaration applicant states he served as a drafted militia man, except the four weeks which he served in the Artillery. He states positively that he served, at least (if not longer) the times mentioned in his declaration. He does not know from whom the order came that compelled the troops to march, whether from the General or State Government &c but he knows that he performed the services as he has stated. He performed his services as a private soldier.

To the first Interrogatory he answers that he was born in Brunswick County, in the State of Virginia, in the year 1763.

To the second Interrogatory he answers – That he has no record in my own possession of his age. The family record fell into the hands of the Executor of applicant's father – where it is now he does not know.

To the third he answers: That he was living in Brunswick County, State of Virginia – Since the revolutionary war he has lived in the State of Virginia, most of the time, in the Oglethorpe County Georgia. He lives now in Oglethorpe County.

To the fourth he answers: That he served the third tour mentioned in his declaration as a substitute for his brother Ishmael Dunn. The other tours mentioned in his declaration he served as a drafted militia man and a private soldier.

To the fifth he answers: he has already stated the names of all the officers whom he recollects.

To the sixth he answers: he never received a written discharge. He was verbally dismissed.

To the seventh he answers: I have stated in my declaration the names of two persons who in my neighborhood to whom I am well known and who has testified to my veracity. I could state the name of 500, if it was necessary. Reference is made to William H. Crawford & George R.

Gilmer, John Moore &c &c &c

S/ Thomas Dunn

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 12 days in the Virginia militia.]