

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Dillard S1803 VA
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State of Tennessee }
Greene County }

On this 3rd day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of Law and Equity of Greene County Benjamin Dillard a resident citizen of said County aged 70 years the 29th instant 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 7 June 1832

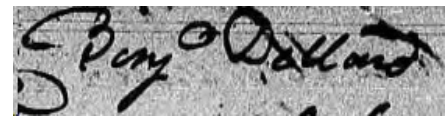
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. (Viz) That he entered U.S. service as a volunteer in the month of January he thinks in the year 1781 under Colo Peter Perkins, Capt Isaac Clemens. 1st Lieut David Hunt, 2nd Lieut John Dillard himself entering as Ensign, he lived at that time in Pittsylvania County Virginia he was marched to Halifax Court House Va. where he joined the main army under Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene going to North Carolina about the time he crossed Dan River a mile or two his Capt. I. Clemens procured his discharge on hearing that his house had been blown down and some negroes killed & crippled where William Dix was appointed to the command of his company he was marched back and forward in North Carolina until Gen'l. Greene thinking himself strong enough for the enemy proceeded to Guilford Court House he was in that battle [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] he was with the army under Gen. Greene till they arrived on the confines of South Carolina when the militia were discharged he was attached to the first Brigade of Virginia Militia under the Command of Gen. [Edward] Stevens, he rec'd his written discharge by Capt. Dix but it is now lost & cannot be produced he was discharged about the 20 April. About the 1st of the month of July same year he again volunteered under Col [John] Wilson, Maj. Wilson, Capt John Buckley, Lieuts. Armstead and Spencer Shelton, Ensign John Hunt, he was forthwith marched to York Town Va. where he joined the main army under Gen. [Robert] Lawson, he was he thinks attached to the 5 Regiment of Va. M. he was discharged on the 21st of Oct, two days after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallis]. He states that he has lost both his discharges as he did not know they would ever be of any benefit

He states that he has no documentary evidence whereby to prove his service and knows of no person who can testify to the same except the affidavits hereto annexed, he states that he had a commission as ensign but not knowing that it would be of any service at this Late day it has been casually lost. and he served more than six months as appears above

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State

There is not any Minister in the vicinity who knows anything of him or his service

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benjamin Dillard", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper background.