

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Josiah Dunavant (Dunnivant) S18384
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State of Virginia Nottoway County to wit.

On this 7th day of March 1833 personally appeared in court, before the justices of the county court of the said county of Nottoway now sitting, Josiah Dunnivant a resident of the said county aged 78 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herein stated to wit. That he enlisted in the regular army of the united states for twelve moths in August 1774 [sic] with Captain John Markham, a regular officer of the united states, and was stationed at Norfolk in Va. he was attached to the 1st Regiment, then Commanded by Colonel Bullett[?], Majors Spotswood and Lucas, he declares positively that he served out the whole period of his enlistment of twelve months at Norfolk and Elizabeth river in or near the borders of North Carolina and that he was in Norfolk as a soldier the s'd. regular army at the time the said town of Norfolk was burnt by the british [1 Jan 1776], at the expiration of his tour he was marched up to Williamsburg and discharged. That in the yr 1777 he was drafted from the militia of Chesterfield county, and served at three several periods during that year and the year 1778 with Capt George Markham at Hampton Norfolk Williamsburg and the waters of James & York river for a term, positively not less than six months. That he afterwards was required to march a second time under Capt George Markham & Lieut Moody in the yr 1781 in the month of March, and continued in service untill the month of November following, during said tour was in a skirmish or battle at Petersburg Va. [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] & also was at the Surrender of Corn Wallis at Yorktown in Va [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] Gen'l Lafatte [sic: Lafayette] commanded the forces at Petersburg & was also at Yorktown. That General Geo. Washington was commander in chief at York town. That he has no documentary evidence of his above stated service, that he was born on the 9th September 175[?] has no family register of his age, but has always heard his father and mother say he was born in the day & year aforesaid.

That Thomas Richardson a clergyman in his neighborhood and William Mann [pension application W7378] can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, that he was born in the county of amelia and raised in the county of chesterfield and resides at present in the said county of Nottoway. 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 submitted the day and year aforesaid.

Josiah hisXmark Dunavant

[4 Jul 1833] The affidavit of William Mann taken and sworn to before me a justice of the peace for the County of Nottoway this affiant saith that he is well acquainted with Josiah Dunnivant that he served several tours of duty with him in the old revolutionary war at Wilton Williamsburg Hampton at Colo Carys house and several other places not recollected at this time – that the whole services I am positive was twelve months or upwards. this affiant was a near neighbour to the said Dunnivant and that he was drafted in the County of Chesterfield and further this affiant saith not

Wm hisXmark Mann

State of Virginia } [1 Jul 1833]

Nottoway County Towit } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Josiah Dunavant, who being sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively, as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mention below and in the

following grades:

For twelve months I served positively as a private in Capt Markhams company of regulars at Norfolk, Elizabeth river & the neighborhood of Norfolk, at the termination of s'd. service was marched up to Williamsburg and discharged, this service was positively at the time Norfolk was burnt, the deponant further states that when his original declaration was made out, and his examination by the County court of Nottoway, he did state his service to have commenced in August 1774 which then was his belief, but he now believes he was mistaken, as to that date, inasmuch as he knows positively that this service was performed by him at the time Norfolk was burnt, his service he believes now to have commenced in August 1775 since it appears that Norfolk was burnt in January 1776.

For six months he also served in the militia, drafted from Chesterfield County Va. under Capt Geo. Markham & Lieut Moody in the yrs 1777 and 78.

From the 15th March 1781 he also served untill the 15th November 1781 under Capt Geo Markham at Petersburg and York town & the waters of James river.

The deponant further states that in his first service he resided in chesterfield county, and was born in the s'd county of Amelia on the 9th September 1758 and resided in the s'd. County of chesterfield, during the whole of the revolutionary war.

The deponant further states that William Mann a revolutionary soldier and pensioner, is the only living witness, that he knows of, who can depose to any portion of his services as a soldier of the revolution, that all of his officers is either dead or removed and further deponant sayeth not.

Josiah hisXmark Dunnavant

I Nathaniel Puckett [S5958] of Chesterfield County do certify and declare that I was acquainted and lived near neighbour to Josiah Dunivant formerly of Chesterfield County but now a resident of Nottoway County Va. I served with him in a tour of duty of three months under Capt. George Markham and the said Dunevant served his full tour of duty in the Militia in the army of the Revolution. Given under my hand this 5th day of Sep 1833.

Nathaniel hisXmark Puckett