

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dixsey Ward S22038

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield}

Dixsey Ward 1st Sheet

On this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Henry W. DeSaussure Chancellor of the State of South Carolina, at the Court of Equity now in session in Fairfield District, Dixsey Ward, a resident of Fairfield District, in the State aforesaid, aged seventy two 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. Deponent was born in Virginia, Prince William County, the 14th April 1760.¹ The age of Deponent is entered on a little paper expects in his father's handwriting and in Deponent's possession. Was living near Statesburg Sumpter [Sumter] District when called into service. He entered the service in Captain John James Company Col. Matthew Singleton commanded, kept at the snowy camps in Ninety Six.²

The deponent again went out under Capt. John James, Colonel Singleton commanded the Regiment went as far as the 12 mile [undeciphered word]³ near Granby where the deponent enlisted as a soldier under Captain Uriah Goodwyn under Col. W^m Thompson [sic, William Thomson] 3rd Regiment So. Ca. Rangers [South Carolina Rangers]. Not long after enlisted, deponent was transferred to Captain Joseph Warley's Company, this done so well as witness can

¹ Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?


4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th 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 and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

² Dec. 23=30, 1775: https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

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[should be "house"]

recollect was late in the year 1778 or early in the year 1779. From this time the deponent served in said company until Charleston capitulated to the British in May 1780.⁴ The Deponent was there taken prisoner by the British and continued prisoner in the Barracks in Charleston, until the latter part of August in the same year when the Deponent found an opportunity to get through the British sentinels and made his escape. After he returned home, he then engaged with the militia in performing several terms of militia duty, one under Josiah Furman Captain scouting about after the Tories, was out frequently and seldom at home. Deponent performed more than nine months service in Captain Joseph Warley's Company and afterwards he is satisfied that in the different tours of militia duty he served more in all than nine months more. He was out nearly all the remainder of the war.

Deponent was at the taking of the Granby Fort⁵ under Colonel Thomas Taylor then Captain Sumpter [sic]⁶ was there also.

At the taking of a Fort that laid near Scott's Lake⁷ on Santee General Lee [sic, Lt. Col. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] was there saw him drag a Tory out of the Fort nearly dead after the engagement.

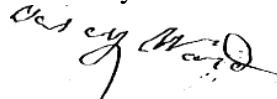
At a battle with the Tories on Saluda [River] Bourdvine [?]⁸ Commanded the American scout which was defeated.

Was present and engaged in the storm of Savannah⁹ Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] American commander Deponent then under Col. Thompson was in the siege of Charleston in 1780 The deponent knows of none of his fellow soldiers now alive that can testify as to his services unless Captain John Smith, John Lee and Gideon Griffin,¹⁰ the three first named living in Fairfield and Griffin in Richland District. Got no discharge as he made his escape; when a prisoner to the British. Deponent 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 & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Buchanan

S/ Dixsey Ward



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I John Lee¹¹ a resident of Fairfield District hereby Certify on oath that I have been acquainted with Dixsey Ward who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, since the year 1779. That I believe him to be seventy two years of age. That deponent is seventy three years of age and first became acquainted with said Dixsey Ward in the early part of year 1779 in Capt. Joseph

⁴ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

⁵ May 14-15, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

⁶ Then General Thomas Sumter is not known to have been at the taking of Fort Granby

⁷ Fort Motte, May 7, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html

⁸ *Bourdvin*

⁹ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

¹⁰ [Gideon Griffin W8877](#)

¹¹ [John Lee S9372](#)

Warley's company 3rd Regiment of So. Ca. Rangers Col. Wm Thompson. Said Ward served in said Regiment until the beginning of the Siege of Charleston in 1780 when deponent was detailed and sent in the country to attend Major Hern [sic, [Edmund Massingbird Hyrne BLWt1478-400](#)] wounded in the beginning of the Siege. That said Ward served more than nine months in said Capt. Warley's company to deponent's own knowledge.

Said Ward was in the siege of Savannah. Deponent recollects him well, being in the same company and having been drilled together often in the awkward squad.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20th July 1832

S/ John Buchanan

S/ John Lee, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District}

Dixsey Ward

Sheet 2nd

Before me appeared Captain John Smith and being duly sworn makes oath that he is seventy years of age since the 11th day of August last, that he first became acquainted with Dixsey Ward who is about to apply to the United States for a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he first became acquainted with Dixsey Ward he believes in the early part of the year thinks in March 1779, then a private soldier in Captain Joseph Warley's company of the 3rd Regiment South Carolina Continental line, commanded by Colonel Wm Thompson. That said Dixsey Ward continued to belong to said company and to serve as a soldier until the surrender of Charleston to the British the 12th May 1780.

That deponent is now receiving a pension from the United States for similar services rendered in the same Company to which Ward belonged.

S/ John Smith¹²



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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield}

I Dixsey Ward a resident of Fairfield District, being the same person who subscribed and swore to a Declaration before Chancellor DeSaussure in open Court, bearing date the 20th day of July 1832 (the declaration and proceedings had thereon being in two sheets of paper) for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, Do hereby Certify and declare on oath that since the said declaration was made by me I have found a Certificate among my late Father's papers which had been in the possession of Deponent's brother Micajah Ward now also deceased, signed by Nathaniel Moore Captain and by Matthew Singleton Colonel and dated Feb^y 7th 1779, and marked A. which enables the Deponent to fix with more precision the time when Deponent entered the service in Col. Wm Thompson's Regiment. That Deponent was driving his Father's wagon and team (Elias Ward's) mentioned in the Certificate A when Deponent enlisted in Captain Uriah Goodwyn's Company 3rd Regiment South Carolina Rangers Col. Wm Thompson as stated in the Declaration. The Deponent enlisted in said Company on the 2nd or 3rd day after his Father's wagon was pressed into service (which according to the Certificate a was eighty days preceding the 7th of February 1779), and which fixes the time of Deponent's enlistment to the 21st or 22nd day of November 1778, and

¹² [John Smith S39078](#)

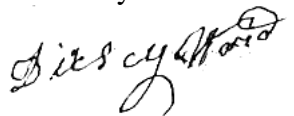
Deponent's memory so far as it serves him goes to fix the month of enlistment in November and deponent served in said Regiment as he has stated in his declaration from the 21st or 22nd day of November 1778 until the capture of Charleston the 12th May 1780, was a prisoner to the British afterwards and until the 25th of August 1780, being in all a period of one year, nine months and three or four days deponent served in Col. Thompson's Regiment as a private enlisted soldier and as a prisoner to the British as stated in the Declaration.

The Deponent served as a private soldier in a tour of militia duty performed in the year 1775 & 1776 and previous to his enlisting in Thomson's Regiment. Deponent served as a substitute for one [illegible first name] Lowder [?] ¹³ in Captain John James' Company Matthew Singleton was the Colonel commanding the Regiment. Deponent was marched from his Father's house (high hills Santee South Carolina) late in the fall of the year and returned home in the Spring of the following year. Thinks he left home in November and returned in the March following was out in this tour of duty three months and more and performed militia duty as a private on this tour Colonel Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] who commanded a body of Tories between Ninety Six and Broad River was taken prisoner and this is the first tour of duty mentioned in the Deponent's declaration and is known as the Snowy Camps expedition.

That Deponent served as private soldier another tour of duty in the year 1776 under the same Captain John James, was marched to Charleston South Carolina. Matthew Singleton was the Colonel commanding the Regiment. Major Horry was along. Was serving as a soldier in Charleston in this tour when Fort Moultrie was attacked by Sir Peter Parker. ¹⁴ Was out in this tour two months and more. This tour the Deponent forgot to mention when his declaration was made out, and has no doubt that he has forgotten other terms as deponent was out in duty nearly all war in corps embodied and called into service by competent authority during which service he was not employed in any civil pursuit. In the tour under Captain Josiah Furman mentioned in the Declaration the deponent was on duty two months as a private Colonel Matthew Singleton was the Colonel on this tour. Deponent is mistaken in placing this term of duty after his escape as a prisoner from the enemy after the capture of Charleston. It was performed before that event and was directed against the Tories between Santee and Charleston.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 10th of June 1833
S/ J. Elliott, QU

S/ Dixsey Ward



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South Carolina

I Certife that Elias wards wagen & Team was
prest for the publick Servis & after Serving
Eighty Days was Dicharged by me

Nathl Moore
Captain

¹³ *Mrs. Lowder*

¹⁴ June 28, 1776 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

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bridles mising

Certifidee by me S/ Mathew Singleton
Colonal

feby 17 1779

South Carolina
I Certifide that Elias wand's wagen & Team was
prest for the publick Servis & after serving
Eighty Days was Discharged by me Nathil Moore
Captain
Upon one wagen cloath & 2
bridles mising
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Certifidee by me Mathew Singleton
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a private in South Carolina.]