

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Dixon S30387

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Greenup County Sct

On this [blank] day of July 1834 personally appeared before the Judge of the Greenup Circuit Court Thomas Dickson aged seventy years the 16th day of June past 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 who is at this time a resident of the County & state aforesaid. That he entered the service of the United States Dec'r 1780 under Capt'n John Trigg of Bedford County State of Virginia for three months as a substitute for Caleb Tate & as a private Soldier marched to cabin point on James River [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] there joined the main army commanded by Gen'l Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] Colo Parker and Merryweather [sic: Meriwether] and Maj'r Decloman a Frenchman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman, a Dane] from whence the army was marched through Suffolk to the dismal swamp was in march next ensuing after the three months had expired was discharged by Capt'n Trigg that he next entered the service he thinks in May 1781 under Capt Adam Clemons[?] of Bedford County Virginia as a substitute for William Dixon was commanded by Maj'r [John] Ward marched to the south joined Gen'l. Green at the british fort called 96 and in the seige on that fort was doom[?] by the advance of Lord Rollings army [sic: see note below] in the night crossed the Saludy [sic: Saluda] River where a short halt was made from which place was sent with others with some prisoners & part of the Baggage to Camden – the main Army advanced in the direction of Charleston South Carolina & at the Uta Springs the american Army had a battle with Lord Rodneys army at Camden [sic: see note below] after his term of three months service had expired as a substitute and as a private soldier he was discharged which discharge was signed by Col James Calaway [sic: Callaway] after having returned home – about the first of September 1781 he further states that he again entered the service under Capt'n John Trigg who was commanded by Col William Calaway [sic: Callaway] & Col William Trigg who were militia officers & all in the militia services & he further states he was a private soldier and as before stated he lived in the same County & state when he entered the service when he entered the third time he was marched direct to little york where he joined Gen Washington before the capture of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] he marched with the prisoners after his capture to Winchester Virginia where he was discharged after having served three months by Captain Giles all of which discharges have been lost & he believes they were washed in his pockets & he further states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his aforesaid services by. 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 any agency in any state or territory in the united States

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Thos Dixon

I was born in Bedford County State of Virginia on the 6th day of June 1764

I have a record of my age at home which is recorded in old English prayer book

I lived in the county of Bedford State of Virginia where I returned to live until about five years since when I moved to the County of Greenup where I now live.

I was a substitute the first tour for Caleb Tate the second tour I was a substitute for William Dixon & the third I went for myself which may be regarded as a draft it having to my [two or three words illegible] Gen'l Green & Genl Washington are recollected as regular officers Gen'l Mulinburg is recollected but I am unable to say whether he was a regular or Militia Gen'l Colo Parker & Merriweather & Maj Decloman was a Maj'r & Frenchman the first tour he was commanded by Captn John Trigg the second tour was commanded by Captn Adam Clemons & under Maj'r Ward – the 3rd was under the command of Capt'n

John Trigg Col Callaway & William Trigg all of them from Mulinburg down Militia officers as well as now recollected

I rec'd a discharge from Col James Calaway which has long since been lost it was lost some considerable time before I moved from the county of Bedford Virginia to this state also rec'd one discharge from Capt'n John Trigg & one from Capt'n Giles both of which discharges I brought with me to the county of Greenup State of Kentucky & about three years since said discharges were left in a waistcoat pocket and they having been left there in the waistcoat was washed and the discharges were totally destroyed thereby

The court is refered to Horatio Collett esqr and James Arthur Boles Kelly & the reverend John Young who can testify as to my character and belief as a Soldier in the Revolution

NOTE: A detachment of Gen. Nathanael Greene's army besieged Ninety-Six SC from 22 May until 19 June 1781 and was forced to withdraw on learning that Lord Francis Rawdon was bringing relief from Charleston. On 8 Sep 1781 Greene's army was engaged in the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC. Green and Rawdon had met each other at the Battle of Hobkirk Hill in Camden SC on 25 April 1781.