

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Duncan S30389

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State of Kentucky Greenup County Sct

on this 29 day of January 1836 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Greenup Joseph Duncan resident in the County of Greenup and State of Kentucky aged 83 years and for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 being first Duley sworn makes the following declaration That he was born in Fauquier County Virginia on the first day of January 1752 from the information which he always received and believes his age was recorded by his Father but what has become of the record he does not know That in the month of August in the year 1776 [last digit unclear] he was Drafted under Capt Joseph James in the State of Maryland but only a short Distance from where he was raised he was Drafted for three months and was marched by Capt James to the north for the perpose as he understood of joining the main army under Gen'l Washington but on their way northward near Monacacy in the state of Maraland they met Gen'l Washington with his army Going South [see endnote] with whom they continued for some months the presese time he does not recollect and after he served out his time which he thinks was three months he was discharged At Manachasa river in the State of Maraland that afterwords and about the year 1777 though as to dates he is not positive of, his memory from old age is Exceedingly Defective he was Drafted in Forquier County Virginia and went into servis under Capt Bengamin Harrison [Benjamin Harrison] the name of his Major he thinks was Samuel Black but is not positive armisted Churchill [sic: Armistead Churchill] was his Colonel name and Gen P. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was the General of the whole he was Drafted to serve three months as a private and in that capacity served out his time the place of rendezvous was in Fauquier from thence they ware marched to Richmon [sic: Richmond] and in a short time from Richmon they marched to Wilten Camp [sic: Wilton on James River in present Wilton] and shortly afterwords ware marched back to Richmon and then went on through Virginia and he was Discharged after the Expiration of his servis at a place called Manackasa but took no care of his Discharge and lost or Distroyed it long ago in 1806 he removed from Virginia to Sciota [sic: Scioto] County ohio and in 1810 from thence to Greenup County Kentucky where he at presant resides he states that he can prove a part of his servis by one William Cors but he lives so far off that it is Difficult to Git his affidvit and this petitioner is too old and infirm to ride so far and last[?] have onley proven a part of his servises But so far as reputation of his haveing served in the revolutionary war is concerned he is Acquainted a large potion of the people of Greenup County and all of them he thinks would swear that he was reputed to have been a Soldier in the old war however he has been informed that the list is complete of the Virginia soldiers and therefore it is unnecessary to prove servises by reputation he is old very poor and infirm he hereby relinquishes every calim whatever to a pension or an annuity Except the present and he Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of Any agency in Any State he has heretofore said that he was Drafted under Capt B. Harrison. he may have volenteered or enlisted he Does not remember positiveley but that he was in in service under Capt Harison as stated. he Does Know [One or more pages apparently missing.]

State of Ky

Bath cty } The deposition of William Keanis [sic: William Kernes, pension application W7965] taken at his own house in said County on the 15th day of June 1842 to be used at the War office of the United states in order to botain a pension for Joseph Duncan of Carter County Kentucky.

This deponant now being first duly sworn deposeth and saith. That he is now in his Eighty sixth year: that he knew Joseph Duncan from a boy in the County of Forquar in the State of Virginia. they was raised in the same neighbourhood: and Joseph Duncan is five or six years older than this deponant:

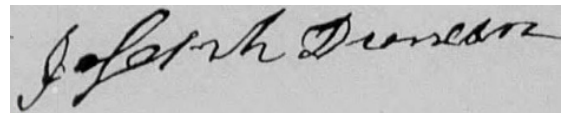
according to his present recollection. That this affiant entered the regular service of the United States when he was very young & served upwards of six years and during the time that this affiant was in the service of the United States, he knew said Duncan to be in the service of the United States & he served for some time but how long this affiant cant recollect; and to the best of his present recollection the said Joseph Duncan was in the service of the state line. that is the malitia: This affiant further states that he knew Duncan well they was raised on farmes adjoining each other and that he saw Mr Duncan in the service frequently, While this affiant was in the service. he also states that he was well acquainted with Captain James and that he knew he belonged to the state service or malitia, and he thinks that James given name was John. This affiant was also acquainted with Capt Savage about the same time who commanded a company of Artilry He was also well acquainted with Capt Walter Graham who commanded a company of Malitia and this affiant further states that during the time he was in the service he understood that Graham succeeded James This affiant further states that he entered the service of the United States in the latter part of 1775 and about 1781 and 1781 he knew Duncan to be in the service as above stated in the sothern part of the United States. This affiant has no knowledge of Duncans service performed in the north. This affiant further states that he was well acquainted with Armsted Churchill during the time he was in the service, and he knows that he was a Captain. He also knew Capt Frank Triplett [Francis Triplett] while he was in the service, who was at Tarltons defeat [sic: defeat of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] & was afterwards promoted to a major & further saith not.

William Keanis

State of K.Y. }
 Carter County }

The deposition of Joseph Duncan taken at Marshall Duncans house June 30th 1842.

Joseph Duncan now a citizen of Carter County K.Y. deposeth that he was drafted from Faquir County Virginia as a militia soldier in Captain James Company; to serve six months [see endnote], he believes in the year 1777 or 1778 & is not certain which of those years – that he thinks James given name was Joseph – that James was succeeded by Captain Walter Graham – that James marched to Richmond up James river to Culpeper County, during which tour he, Duncan was transfered to Capt Savage company of Artillery. that this tour was in the fall season as he believes. that in the year 1781 he was again drafted for six months in Captain Samuel Blackwell’s company & thinks James Keys was Lieutenant & Armstead Churchill Colo. – that during this last tour they were marched south under General Washington & was at the seige of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – that for each of their tours, he had his regular discharges – that he believes Samuel Blackwell James Keys, & Armstead Churchill were officers on the first tour, & that Joseph James was Captain on second tour insted as states above



NOTE:

George Washington did not leave for the South until 19 Aug 1781. Because of this and other discrepancies, Duncan’s first application was rejected.

Militia drafted in Virginia was usually limited to three months.