

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Duff S30390

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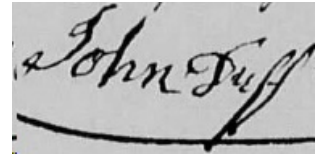
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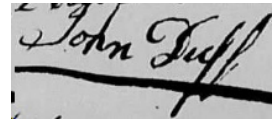
On this the ninth day of April 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Duff, a resident of said County and state who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress pass'd the 7th of June 1832 granting Pensions to Certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution

This Deponant was born in Richmond County in the state of Virginia on the tenth day of September in the year 1761 and removed some years afterwards to the County of Fauquier in s'd. state In the year 1777 [sic] in the month of December (he thinks) he was drafted (or as it was then called) enrolled to go to Nolands Ferry on the Potomac River, to guard Burgoine's Prisoners to the Albemarle Barracks [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Sep 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779], he was commanded by Major Samuel Blackwell, his Captain's name was Charles Williams, Ennis, or Innis McCombs was Lieutenant, and Berryman Jennings was his Ensign, these are all the officers he now recollects Captain Williams's Company Redezvous'd at Fauquier Court house in the month of December as above stated where the deponant joined them, and marched through Leesburgh [sic: Leesburg] where we strew [drew?] provisions and marched directly on to Nolands Ferry and remained there about two or perhaps three weeks waiting for the Division of Burgoine's Prisoners that we were to gaurd and take on to the Albemarle Barracks, while we remained at Noland's Ferry, the weather was excessively cold and we occupyed a large meetinghouse, and suffered very much from the cold weather having nothing but a stove in the house to build fire in. The prisoners arrived after we had been at Nolands Ferry two or three weeks, and were brought across the Potomac River and delivered over to Major Samuel Blackwell's men, the number of Prisoners he cannot now recollect, but knows there were several hundred, this deponent with the ballance of Majr Blackwells command, guarded the Prisoners on through Leesburgh to Fauquier Court house and then on the Lawson's mill on the Rappahannock River and in the month of March 1778 [sic] his Captain & Major give all of their men a parolle to return home, but required them to hold themselves in readiness at a minutes warning to be called in to service again at any time. This Deponant was again called into service to guard the Magazine at Fauquier Courthouse in the month of May or June in the year 1779 and performed (what was then called a tour of duty he thinks between 60 and 80 days under the command of Captain James Fletcher. In the 1st of the month of May 1781 this deponant joined Captain Joseph Whitleys company of Militia, and went on to Fredericksburgh where Colonel Elias Edmunds Regiment Rendezvous'd. he then was under the command of Captain Joseph James who took the command of Capt Whitley's [sic: Joseph Wheatley's] Company from that place we then marched under the command of Col Edmunds, and a French Major whose name he thinks was De Cluman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman, a Dane] we marched down towards Richmond, and joined General Lafayettes Army we then marched to Shocko Hill [sic: Shockoe Hill in the City of Richmond], and remained there several days for reinforcements, we left Shocko Hill in the night and marched under the command of General Lafayette, day and night for two or three weeks until we met General Wayne in Culpepper County [Anthony Wayne at Brock's Bridge on Rapidan River in Orange, not Culpeper, County, 10 Jun 1781] with a large reinforcement, we then turned about and marched back in pursuit of Cornwallis's Army, to Ruffins Ferry on the Pamunky River [sic: Pamunkey River near Sweet Hall in King William County] this was in the latter part of July 1781. the tour of duty for which we were called out for, expired about this time, but our Officers would not permit us to leave the Army untill (the relief) as they were then called) arrived some time afterw'ds we were then permitted to return to our homes. This Deponant having nearly lost his eyesight and become very infirm, and weak, is wholly unable to make a subsistence for himself and wife, and all his Children

having left him is the cause of his making application at this late day for a Pension.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Duff". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

This deponant desires to state in addition to the foregoing Declaration, That he removed from Fauquier County Virginia to Barren County Kentucky (where he now lives) in the Fall of the year 1797 where he has continued to reside ever since. this the day & year before written – and that he cannot state precisely how long he was in the service but can state, that he was in the service longer than seven months, and believes that the true time is about 8 months and ten or twelve days

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