

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

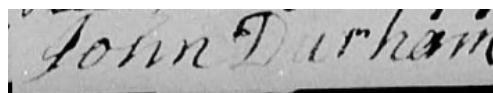
Pension Application of John Durham S31003 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky Allen County Sct

On this 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared in the Circuit Court for s'd. County now sitting John Durham resident in s'd. County aged 72 years 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 That he entered the army of the united States as a volunteer he thinks in the month of Feby 1781, at least it was the Feby. before the battle of Gilford [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], for the Term of Six weeks, in Halifax County Va, where he was born & then resided, he served under Capt John Thompson & Gen'l. Robert Lawson commander of Brigade, he joined Greens [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene's] Army at Halifax Courthouse Va he served out s'd. six weeks except two or three days of the last when he was sent home on account of sickness he marched from Halifax with Greens Army to the Battle of Gilford & was placed near the Army during the battle to guard horses & forage, while he was on s'd. guard he was under the command of Capt. Moses Johnson – he obtained no discharge for this tour on account of his absence from sickness as afs'd. He was again in April of the same year drafted for a four months tour in the s'd. County of Halifax Va & served under Capt Param Booker [Parham Booker] who was displaced & he was then commanded by Capt Wm Clark [William Clark], s'd. Booker being displaced for bad conduct with the British in a skirmish at the Point of Fork on James River about 15 miles above Cartersville. [see endnote] He marched under Booker to Prince Edward Courthouse & drew arms & amunition thence he marched with him to Point of Fork, where he joined Col. St. Geo. Tuckers [St. George Tucker's] regiment, Philip Holcolm [sic: Philemon Holcombe, pension application S4399] was 1st Major, & Maj. Duvale [sic: Samuel Duval] 2 Major & Lawson was the Gen'l of Brigade – he marched thence to a place called Ground Squirrel Bridge on the Pamonkey Creek or River [sic: not Pamunkey River but South Anna River 20 mi NNW of Richmond] where he joined Gen'l. LaFayette – he was in a skirmish near James Town at a place called the Green Springs [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – from Pamunkey he marched with La Fayette to Goochland County Va thence to Richmond, thence not far from Williamsburg, thence to James Town, & thence to Maubin Hill , perhaps in New Kent Cty [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] where he was discharged having served out s'd. tour, he was discharged by Capt Wm Clark which he has lost.

He was again drafted in September of the same year in the same County & State afs'd. for two or four months he is certain for not less than two months & entered the sevice und Capt. Wm McDaniel [William McDaniel] he thinks, when he was about to start he was furloughed on account of sickness for 20 days & at the end of that time was furloughed for the same cause by Col. John Coleman for the same length of time & when that time expired Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] & he was not required to enter the Army again he got no discharge except a furlough to remain out of service till called into service & he was never again called on – he held himself in readiness & was a soldier at the service of his county when able during the whole of the last term – He hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State

Sworn to & subscribed the day af'd

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Durham".

NOTE: The skirmish at Point of Fork, at the junction of James and Rivanna rivers, occurred on 5-6 June 1781, evidently after Durham was with him 15 miles above Cartersville.