

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Dillard S31649

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State of Georgia } SS:

Rabun County }        On this seventh day of July 1834.

Personally appeared before the undersigned Judges of the Inferior Court for Rabun County being a Court of Record John Dillard a resident in Rabun County in the State of Georgia aged nearly seventy nine years, who being 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1776 but turning out volunteer under Capt. [Thomas] Dillard, Col. Lewis [Charles Lewis VAS901] and General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens VAS1922] in the Minute man service in Pittsylvania County Virginia. On the first day of May we marched for Petersburg and arrived there on the 10<sup>th</sup>. we were there several days, then marched by James Town to Williamsburg and thence to Little York, thence to Chesapeake [sic: Chesapeake] Bay near the mouth of the Rappahannock River opposite Gwin's Island [sic: Gwynn Island], where a British fleet lay at Anchor, a considerable Bombardment took place & lasted over half a day, the enemy were compelled to hawl off [11 Jul 1776]. He was stationed on the coast to prevent the enemy from landing & plundering the inhabitants Himself with many other back woods men were taken sick and were sent home in the Baggage Waggons he arrived at home on the last day of August. On that day Capt. Dillard dismissed his men. But as many as were able were afterwards mustered as many of his men as were able & marched for the Long Island on Holstein River [sic: Holston River at present Kingsport] then North Carolina now in Tennessee, declarant was unable to go and remained at home

This declarant on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1778 volunteered, under Capt. Dillard and Colonel Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] & marched immedeatly to Boons Fort [sic: Boone's Fort] on Kentucky River in the State of Virginia now Kentucky, where he arrived on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778 and was stationed there three months & two weeks, and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July marched for the Falls of Ohio [now Louisville], where he arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> July and built a Stockade fort & 2 log cabbins upon an Island in the River, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August he was dispatched with a company of sick men who were sent home. The Captain being one of the sick they arrived at home on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August where the Captain gave him a written discharge, which is lost or mislaid.

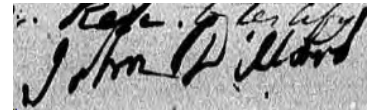
And that on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1780 [sic: 1781] as well as he recollects the whole Militia were ordered out to oppose the progress of Lord Cornwallis & they joined General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] on Dan River in Halifax County, that he was then a Lieutenant & was commanded by Capt. Isaac Clemmons and Col. [Peter] Perkins, they remained under & with Gen'l. Greene until the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March when he was dismissed without any written discharge and arrived home on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the same month. and further he saith he knows of no living witness who can testify to his said services. That his first Tour was not less than Four months. The second tour Six months & 18 days. The third Tour as a Lieutenant one month & twenty six days as a private – and one month and twenty six days as Lieut. at Least.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

And to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court he makes the following answers.

- 1<sup>st</sup> He was born 12<sup>th</sup> August 1760 in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia
- 2<sup>d</sup> Had a Record of his Age in a Bible but it is worn out.
- 3<sup>d</sup> In Pittsylvania County Virginia, after the Revolution he moved to Buncomb [sic: Buncombe] County N.C. and from there to Rabun County Georgia where he has lived for the last Eleven years.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer. Except the last Term when the Militia were ordered out generally.

- 5<sup>th</sup> General Stephens, General Greene and Col. Clarke.  
6<sup>th</sup> Received one discharged but it is mislaid. Commissioned by Gov. [Patrick] Henry but Com. lost.  
7<sup>th</sup> With Confidence can refer to all respectable men of the County. Col. Beck, Major Coffee, Maj. Price  
T. Mosley Senator. W. Kelly Esq. Rep. to testify to his credibility.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Dillard". The ink is dark and the paper is aged and slightly textured.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains an unrelated document pertaining to Joseph Delastatious VAS3343.]

State of Georgia } This Day personally Came John Dillard Before me Obadiah T. Dickerson  
Raban County } acting Justice Of the peace for said County and being duly sworn deposed and  
say That he Enlisted under the Command of Captain Thomas Dillard at Pitsylvania County Virginia  
Before the Declaration of Independence and ware in [undeciphered] at that time in what then ware  
termed the Minute Service, and ware marched in that Line to [several undeciphered words] through  
North Carolina under the Command of Captain [undeciphered] which I ware promoted to [undeciphered]  
I then ware attachd to the Line of Colonel Clark To the west for the purpose of takeing the [undeciphered  
word] Fort Kaskaskia [undeciphered; see endnote] on the Wabash in the [several undeciphered words]  
the said Deponent further says that he has never received any Compensation for [several undeciphered  
words]

Sworn to and subscribed this 18<sup>th</sup> of December 1832      John Dillard

1832 June 21, Rejected

NOTES:

The federal file includes a certificate that John Dillard died on 5 June 1842 leaving no widow  
but two children, James Dillard and Mary Dickerson.

Fort Kaskaskia was captured on 4 Jul 1778.