

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Dillon S31650

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Thomas Dillon of Campbell of the state of Georgia was a private in the company commanded by Clarke

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State of Georgia, Campbell County

On this twenty third day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before Hiram Warner, one of [the] Judges of the Superior Court of said State now sitting. Thomas Dillon a resident of Campbell County in said state of Georgia; aged Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit in the act of Congress passed in June 7, 1830

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That previous to his entering the service he resided in King William County, State of Virginia, Then he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Zach. Clarke [Zachariah Clark]. Cannot distinctly recollect the year, he thinks it was in the spring 1774 or 1775. Anyhow, deponent says it was the year [1775] that Govr. Dunmore evacuated Williamsburg and went to the low county, perhaps on York River, and raised a company for the purpose of retaking Williamsburg but was met & beaten and Come well nigh being taken prisoner. That Thomas Green was first lieutenant and John ( or Jack then called) Clarke was ensign that he this deponent acted by request of the captain and lieutenant before mentioned as Adjutant that there were no higher officers that the company to which was there attached was raised for the purpose of guarding the magazine which had removed from Williamsburg, immediately after Gov. Dunmore evacuation before mentioned, and stationed in Hanover County in Virginia at a place then known as Jack Smith's great building on a river called Purmunca [Pamunkey] or a name very similar. That he went from his place of residency in King William county to the place just mentioned where the magazine was stationed at the request of Captn. Zach Clarke & Lieutenant Thomas Greene entered the service of Country. That he remained there at the place guarding the magazine for twelve months and not less than twelve months. That he was then dismissed without any written discharge. He thinks the magazine was about the time the magazine was about the time of his discharge removed. That he then moved with his father Henry Dillon from King William County into Caroline County in Virginia where he was drafted in the service of his Country in 1776 for a three months Tour under Captn. Saml. Campbell [Samuel Campbell], that he was marched from Caroline County where he was drafted through King William County on through Hanover County directly onto Williamsburg where there were a large number of regular soldiers under the command of Genl. Scott [Charles Scott] who also commanded the militia does not now recollect the names of any other field officers that he remained at Williamsburg until he discharged that he was told by his captain to apply for a discharge after he reached home but he never done so. That he served in this tour not less than three months during which time he acted as a sergeant till discharge. That after he marched home he moved with his father from Caroline county to Halifax [Halifax] county in Virginia that about the last day of February 1781 he again volunteered under Capt. Wm. McDaniel [William McDaniel] at Halifax old court house for another three months tour this company was raised for the purpose of strengthening Genl. Greene who has then retreating before lord Cornwallis. That he immediately found Genl. Greene (who was then at Halifax Courthouse) under Genl. Stepenson [sic, General Edward Stevens] of Virginia who commanded the Virginia militia until a battle [March 15, 1781] fought at Guilford Courthouse when he General Stephenson got wounded in his thigh in consequence of which we lost his service. That after he

joined Genl. Greene he was marched with all the army to North Carolina and after some time maneuvering arrived on the 14th of March at Guilford Courthouse N. Carolina and on the 15th Genl. Greene marched out and met the British commanded by Cornwallis; that he was in that battle which was the only battle he was ever in. That after some days under the command of Genl. Greene they pursued Lord Cornwallis but not being able to bring him again to battle, the Virginia troops or militia were dismissed at Deep River, North Carolina from the service of Genl. Greene. That on the way home he was marched through Chatham County & by Hillsborro [Hillsboro], N. Carolina and on to Hallifax from where he started, that after the expiration of his tour he was dismissed but never applied for any written discharge. That in this last tour he served not less these three months. He further states that Col. Nat. Cock [Nathaniel Cocke] of Virginia, who lived in Hallifax at that time, was also at the battle at Guilford Court House. That in this last tour of three months he acted as the orderly sergeant. He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can proclaim who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Dillon



Hiram Warner  
Judge S. C. C.

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[Note: the following materials were transcribed by Will Graves]

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Georgia Campbell County: The Amended Declaration of Thomas Dillon a Revolutionary Soldier, claiming a pension.

The deponent saith that he served twelve months as stated in his declaration in guarding the Magazine at Williamsburg and other places, with short intervals, in which he had liberty to visit his friends occasionally. The service was performed twelve months not continuously, but as above Stated. This deponent further states that he waives all claim for services performed as Adjutant, that appointment not having been conferred upon him by competent Authority.

This deponent further states, that the authority for acting as Sergeant in the Company was conferred upon him by his Captain.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County & State Thomas Dillon, upon oath saith that the facts stated in the foregoing are true.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1836

S/ George Lawrence, JP

S/ Thos. Dillon

[f p. 13: Martin D. Rogers, a clergyman, gave the standard affidavit in support of the claim filed by the veteran.]

[f p. 32: Cheadle Cochran and Royal Clay, Sr., gave the standard supporting affidavit for the original application filed by the veteran.]

[f. p. 33: Frederick Beall and William M. Butt also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 7: On January 1, 1849 in Campbell County Georgia, Peter J. Abbett gave testimony that he married Amanda Dillon, the daughter of Thomas Dillon, deceased; that Thomas Dillon was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that Thomas Dillon departed this life in Campbell County Georgia in the year 1845; that Thomas Dillon died leaving no wife (she having departed this life long before her husband); that he, Abbett, is entitled in right of his wife to the unpaid portion of the pension due Thomas Dillon at his death along with one other heir (not named) of the veteran.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Abbett". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]