

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elisha Dyer (Dyer) S31659

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State of Georgia } Ss.  
County of Franklin }

On this third day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-two, personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and state aforesaid, now sitting for ordinary purposes, Elisha Dyer, a resident of Captain Newell's district in the County and state aforesaid, aged Sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of North Carolina in Granville County in said state, in March 1778 (then but sixteen years old) under Captain Abram Potter and Col. Farris, was marched to Briar Creek [GA] & was in a skirmish with the British at Stono South Carolina [possibly Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779], shortly afterwards was discharged for a three months Tour by Capt. Carrington of Orange County Nor. Car. & returned home.

Again entered the North Carolina Militia in Granville County about two months before [Gen. Horatio] Gates defeat near Camden S.C. ([16 Aug] 1780) under Capt Peter Bennett, & Col. Ambrose Ramsay [Ambrose Ramsey] of Guilford, & Genl [John] Butler, and was marched to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and was placed under the command of General [Richard] Caswell, was kept scouting until they were marched to Camden S.C. and placed under Gen'l. Gates, at which time his father sent one Jesse Gaskins to serve out the remainder of the Tour, as it was the sickly season. was discharged by Col. Ramsay.

He again entered the N. Ca Militia at Granville County previous to the Battle of Guilford March [15] 1781, was under Capt John Henderson, Col. Malbady [sic: Marquis Francis de Malmedy] (a French officer) & General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], was in the battle at Guilford, was marched near Fayetteville and was discharged for a three months Tour by Captain Henderson.

Again entered the North Carolina Militia at Hillsborough, under Capt Frederick Debo (or Dubos) from Caswell County N.C. in (month not recollected) 1782 where he was stationed as a guard to the Legislature then sitting, was under Col Hugh Tinnon, and was discharged by Capt Dubo for a Three months Tour

Served altogether Twelve months, that is four Tours of Three months each as a private soldier, and served three months in addition to the above as an express under Col. Potts at Hillsboro' & found his own horse as a volunteer

- 1 Was born in Virginia near the Big Falls [possibly Great Falls] of Potomac in May 1763.
- 2 Has a record of his age now in his possession
- 3 When called into service was living in Granville County North Carolina, from there removed after the War to Rockingham County N.C. Thence he removed to Pendleton South Carolina, thence to Georgia about the year 1800 and has resided ever since in Franklin County except Seven years he resided in Walton County Geo. & removed back about four years since to Franklin
- 4 Was never drafted always volunteered, & never served as a substitute
- 5 Has stated the names of all the Regular officers he recollects
- 6 Received four discharges, one from Capt Carrington, one from Col. Ramsay, one from Capt Henderson and one from Capt De Beau or Debo, all which went with his sister in a chest to the Western Country, and does not now know where she lives or whether she is alive.
- 7 He is known in his present neighborhood to James Cash, who saw & knew him in the service, and to Jesse McMillion who can testify to his veracity &c and to Samuel Hymer a preacher of the Gospel all of whom can testify to his veracity and to their belief of his having served in the army of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any state within his knowledge or belief

[signed] Elisha Dyer [possibly Dyer]

NOTE: A letter from the Treasury Department indicates that Dyer had received his pension up to the date of his death on 21 July 1846. Another letter written in 1858 refers to some of his children in Fulton County GA.