

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Francis Dolahide (Dollahide, Dollahite, Dollarhide) S32220

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State of Illinois, Hamilton County

On this 17th day of September 1833, personally appeared in open court before the circuit court of said County of Hamilton now sitting Francis Dollahide a resident of said County of Hamilton, aged 83 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: he was born in Caswell County, North Carolina, in the year 1750, and has a record of his age, kept by his father in the family Bible. He was living in Rockingham County, North Carolina in the year 1776, when he was drafted into the service for a term of three months duty, was first as a private under the command of Captain William Morrow, under a Colonel whose name this applicant has forgot, but whose Regiment was called the fifth or sixth, he does not remember precisely which. This applicant served this tour out, in scouting and ranging through the Country and met with no engagement with the enemy. There was no other Regiment nor were there any regulars in service with them. He was discharged at Guilford County Court house in North Carolina at the end of the tour. He got a written discharge from his Captain which he has since lost. In a week after his discharge this applicant, still residing in Rockingham County, was drafted for another tour of three months, and was placed as a private under the command of Captain Small, under Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle]: we were led by Col. Lytle to the South against a party of Tories, whom we overtook at the Raft Swamps [Raft Swamp] in North Carolina, and routed, killed and dispersed the whole of them – those who were not killed or taken prisoners, flying and secreting themselves in the swamps. The remainder of this tour was served out in ranging and scouting about, no engagement of any consequence taking place. There was no other troops, militia or regulars, engaged in service with them during the whole of this tour. After serving out this tour this applicant received a written discharge from his Captain at Guilford court house, in North Carolina. This applicant returned home, and remained there but two weeks, when a call was made for volunteers to go out against the Indians. This declarant accordingly turned out at Rockingham County under his former Captain, Captain Small, and entered the service for another tour of three months. Captain Small was under no regimental command, but was in company with several other captains, and their commands, raised in the neighborhood, and neighboring counties of Caswell and Guilford. Captain Small led his Company westwardly against the Indians inhabiting the Sorry towns, on Dan River, from the Sorry towns across the Blue Ridge to New River, from thence to Clinch River in the State of Virginia. During this march no engagement of consequence took place, though we had frequent small affairs with the Cherokee Indians, and others of that country, who were hostile. From Clinch River this applicant was again marched back to Guilford Court house, where he received from his Captain, at the end of his tour of three months, a written discharge which he has since lost. There were no regular troops, nor militia, except the companies described, in service with them during this last mentioned tour. He remembers Captains Martin, McAdoo and McDougal, all the companies referred to. This

applicant remained at home until in the beginning of the year 1780¹ he again volunteered at Rockingham County for a term of 18 months service, under Captain Taylor, who led his company to Guilford Court house, where Captain Taylor was placed under the command of Major Dugan. Major Dugan led the troops on to Ninety Six., as it was then called in South Carolina, where this applicant, was transferred to the command of Captain Samuel Sexton², still remaining on the command of Major Dugan, under the chief command of Captain General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. Here they remained a short time, finding that the British could not be routed, General Greene fell back upon the Catawba River to await the approach of the enemy, the British, however, took the road to Charleston, upon which General Greene took up the pursuit, and at Eutaw Springs, near that town, a general engagement took place, in which the British were completely routed. This applicant during all this time continued in the company of Captain Sexton, under Major Dugan. After the taking of Charleston, and at the expiration of 18 months, the tour for which he volunteered under Captain Taylor, and which he served, this applicant received a written discharge at Charleston from his Captain. This discharge he has since lost. This Applicant does not remember any of the militia to Regiment than that to which he belonged under Major (or perhaps Colonel) Dugan, but remembers the regiments of regulars under Colonels Washington and Lee, in service with them although there were [illegible word, looks like "several"]. This applicant has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any witness whose testimony he can procure to his services, except Samuel Sexton, who was his Captain as above stated and who, this applicant believes, will prove so much of the above stated facts, as took place, while, this applicant was under said Sexton's command. From Rockingham County in North Carolina this applicant, after the revolutionary war, moved to Kentucky, from thence he moved to Indiana, & from thence to where he now lives, and has continued to live. This applicant is known to Isaac Haile, a clergyman of his neighborhood, and James Hall, representative in the legislature, also a resident of his neighborhood – both of whom this applicant believes will prove his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier 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 the agency of any State.

S/ Francis Dolahide, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse C. Lockwood, Clk

And also on the day and year aforesaid came into Court Samuel Sexton a resident of the said County aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and say as that he was a Captain in the revolutionary war, as stated by Frances Dollahide in his declaration above made: That he, this deponent, was an eye witness to the facts stated by said Dollahide, as transpiring while said Dollahide was under this deponent's command: That said Dollahide served faithfully and has made a true statement of his services – and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Samuel Sexton, X his mark

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid,

S/ Jesse C. Lockwood

State of Illinois, Hamilton County

I, Francis Dollarhite, in pursuance of a letter from the Honorable Samuel D. Ingham, to Henry Eddy, dated Washington City February 15, 1830, requiring me to state whether I served in the Infantry

1 Sic, the events described by applicant occurred in 1781, not 1780 as he states.

2 This probably is a reference to a Samuel Saxon or Sexton whose application for a pension is to be found at FPA R9400. In his application, Saxon claims to have served as a captain under Major Dugan at Eutaw Springs. See, [Samuel Saxon R9400](#)

or Cavalry, I do hereby state, that I first enlisted in the 18 months service in the Infantry, but afterwards and before or about the time of the expiration of that service, he enlisted in the Cavalry service, and continued to serve in the Cavalry for during the War, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington, and I think in Captain Symmes Company.

S/ Francis Dollarhite, X his mark

Before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in & for said County, this day personally appeared Samuel Sexton, who being duly sworn makes oath & saith as, that he was a Captain in the Militia infantry in the revolutionary war in South Carolina and that the above named Francis Dollarhite was a private in the company commanded by him and well known to this deponent as a good & faithful soldier for the time of this deponent's command in said company of Militia, & until he was commissioned in the regular Army. Sworn to before me this 16th day of March 1830.

S/ James Allen, JP

S/ Samuel Sexon[sic], X his mark

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution, approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I Francis Dollahide, or - hite of the County of Hamilton in the State of Illinois, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which time he was a private in Captain ___ Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington, of the line of the State of North Carolina. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the award of eighty Dollars to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May 1778.

I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of March 1828, on the Pension list of the United States. And that my discharge, and certificate for half pay during life or for the \$80 afore specified (and which it was I am not positively certain) were burnt by the destruction of my house by fire in Kentucky about twenty years ago. But as corroboration of my statement, I herewith transmit the affidavit of James Garrison a fellow soldier with me at the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs]. I was also in the battle of Yorktown. I do not recollect the name of my Captain, my memory having failed me in a great degree, being now in my 81st year.

S/ Francis Dollahide, X his mark

State of Illinois, Hamilton County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for said County James Gerson and made oath that Francis Dolahite [sic] was a fellow Soldier with him in the Revolutionary war particularly in the year ninety Six [sic] and at the Eutaw Springs battles to the best of my knowledge in the regular service. S/ James Garrison,³ X his mark

Given under my hand and Seal this 22nd day of September 1829.

S/ James Allen, JP

[Note: the file contains statements by both the US Secretary of the Treasury and the War Dept. Bounty Land Office that the name of Francis Dollahide does not appear on the Records of Virginia or either of the Carolina lines as being the recipient of either a certificate for \$80 or of a Land Warrant.]

[Note: the file reflects that Dollarhite died Aug. 30, 1837]

³ [James Garrison S32260](#)