

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Dill (Dell) S3273

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[The handwriting of the scribe is extremely challenging—users are cautioned to rely on this transcript with care, suspicion and trepidation.]

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Wilson County in the State aforesaid before James H. Hester [?], David C. Hibbits and Benjamin [last name illegible] -- Esquires members of said Court now sitting Richard Dill a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged a little more than seventy-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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1780 as well as he now recollects he was drafted and went into service under Capt. John Graves Company of Militia he does not recollect the number of the Regiment in which he served but it was commanded by Col. Collier [John Collier] in the North Carolina line General Butler [John Butler] was his General. That he joined his Capt.'s Company in Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina and marched from there to Cheraw Hills in the State of South Carolina and then marched from there to Rugeley's Mill in the State last aforesaid and from thence he marched a few miles to a place which he now believes was called the Gum Swamp near a little town called Camden where they met with the British and had that Battle with them called Gates Defeat [August 15-16, 1780]. After said Battle was over his officers directed their men to go home and there remain till they should receive further orders. That his tour of service aforesaid was three months that during the three months aforesaid he was acquainted with General Butler, with Col. Collier, with Capt. John Graves, with Capt. George Oldham and Lieut. Robert Parks, with Col. William Moore, Major Murphy [?]. That he only continued at home after his return from said first tour 8 days when he was again drafted & went into service into Capt. Oldham's Company of Militia in the Regiment also continued Commanded by the same Col. above mentioned. That he joined Capt. Oldham's Company in Hillsboro in North Carolina from which place he marched to a Creek called the twelve mile Creek in South Carolina -- here he remained a few days and then he marched about thirty or forty miles and then they stopped at a certain [one or more indecipherable words, could be "Campground"] the name of which he does not now recollect where he continued about 2 weeks and then marched back to the twelve mile Creek & there he was discharged by Capt. Oldham --

who gave him a written discharge but he has lost it. That General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was his General during his second Tour, that his second tour was three months, that during the three months last aforesaid he was acquainted with General Davidson Col. William Moore with Major [indecipherable name, could be 'Nixon'] Capt. [indecipherable name, probably 'Oldham'] and Lieut. Robert Parks. That he served in all six months. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service. 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 or Territory in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Sworn to and Open Court the 27th day of September 1832

S/ J. S. McClain, Clerk

S/ Richard Dill, X his mark

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in Kent County in the State of Maryland in the year 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer it was put down in my father's family Bible, but said Bible was afterwards carried to the State of South Carolina and he believes is now in possession of Stephen Dill Brother of Declarant in the State last aforesaid.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer when I went into service both times I was living in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina and since the Revolutionary war I have lived in Caswell County in the State last aforesaid several years from thence I removed to South Carolina where I resided about three years, then removed to Cocke County in the State of Tennessee where I remained five years and from there he removed to Wilson County in the State of Tennessee where I have remained ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was drafted both times

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I was acquainted with General Davidson, General Butler, Col. Collier, Lt. Col. William Moore, Majors Murphy, Vance[?] Capt. Graves & Capt. Oldham and Lieut. Parks and the general circumstances of my service are above stated.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer at end of first Tour I received no written discharge at the in of second Tour I received a written discharge from Capt. Oldham but have lost it

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer James D. Walker, William Walker, Henry Hogan[?], Esquire Jesse Holt and the Rev. Elijah Maddox

Sworn to & subscribed the day and date aforesaid in open Court

S/ J. S. McClain, Clerk

S/ Richard Dill, X his mark

[Elijah Maddox and James D. Walker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]