

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Dill S3285

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State of Tennessee Jackson County

On this 14th day of May 1833, appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Jackson now sitting, Archibald Dill a resident of said County & State of Tennessee, aged eighty-four 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 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated in the year 1779, in the month not recollected was drafted on a three months tour, in Caswell County North Carolina, his Captain's name as well as he can recollect was Graves [probably Captain John Graves] and rendezvoused at Hillsboro in North Carolina, from Hillsboro, the Army marched in a direction towards Charleston in South Carolina, passing near Camden, after his tour expired he went home, discharged by Captain Graves, which discharge he never reserved, nor any other papers he got during the Revolutionary war. The next tour he was drafted in the year 1779 for three months, and was in the Army commanded by General Butler, but cannot recollect any of the under officers names, was engaged in generally marching through the Country, sometimes as high up past Salisbury, acting as a guard to keep down the Tories, and to allay the fears of the Citizens, of an unexpected insurrection among the Negroes, this Army had no regular march -- he served out the full term of three months. In the month of June in the year 1780 he was again drafted in a three months tour, and was attached to General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Army, and was in the battle of Sumter's defeat in August of that year, although he was only drafted for three months in this tour, he was detained & continued in service for the full term of six months was a good deal marching through the Country in various directions, he recollects crossing the Catawba River after they were defeated, as he went home, was discharged after serving out the term of six months.

Applicant served in his regular tours and as a drafted man, something upwards of one year. He was also in two other tours not as a drafted man or a regular volunteer, but merely at the request of Captain Oldham who was then at home, we went one trip towards Charleston through the Sand hills & to Cyprus Swamp. -- another trip to Rocky River & Pedee River. The officers in these two irregular trips were strangers to him & he does not now recollect any of their names. He does not recollect the dates from the lapse of memory, but in these two trips he served four months, and in all his service as a soldier of the Revolution, he was actually engaged sixteen months. Laban Loftis, his neighbor knows something of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, who is the only living witness to his knowledge, who knows anything about his service, & he has no documentary evidence to show it. -- and Jonas Griffith and Arthur Dill will

testify to his character for veracity & that it is believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, which is all the testimony he can get [word obliterated] in all his tours, except when he went at the request of Captain Oldham as above stated from infirmity & old loss of memory he cannot recollect the dates, but hopes he will not be deprived of his pension for that misfortune.

Applicant was born in the State of Delaware, Kent County in the year 1748, the record of his age was then his father's prayer Book which is somewhere in the State of South Carolina, but he does not know where it is. From Caswell County North Carolina he moved to Long Island on Holston River Tennessee, which was then on Indian Country -- thence to South Carolina on Tyger River & lived there about twenty-two years, from thence he moved to Wilson County Tennessee where he lived three years thence he moved to Beaver Creek in Kentucky and afterwards moved to Jackson County Tennessee where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk

S/ Archibald Dill, X his mark

I Laban Loftis residing in Jackson County Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Archibald Dill, the above applicant for a pension, who will has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to be eighty-four years old -- I was his neighbor during the time he was a revolutionary soldier and took care of his family while he was absent from home in the Army, he is a man of unquestionable character for veracity in the neighborhood where he resides & is generally believed to have been a soldier in the Revolution & never heard it contradicted, knew of his leaving home & returned from the Army lived neighbor to him in the revolutionary war.

S/ Laban Loftis, X his mark

[Jonas Griffith, a clergyman, and Arthur Dill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]