

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dillard S3286

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State of Tennessee Madison County

On this 10th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John M. Johnson, Bartholomew G. Stuart and Jacob Perkins Esquire Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting John Dillard a resident of said County, aged eighty-one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776, in Bute County then, and now Warren County, under Captain Rivers, and Lieutenant Wall, the latter resigned and Lieutenant Ward took his place. I cannot give the No. of Regiment or whether of the Virginia or North Carolina, Continental lines, I lived in Brunswick County Virginia on the line of North Carolina, and was in the County above stated in North Carolina when I enlisted three or four weeks after I enlisted Lieutenant Ward marched the company to Hicks Ford, Meherrin River in Virginia where Captain Rivers was stationed with the balance of his company, about 15 or 20 miles from where I enlisted -- We remained there a few days, and I was furloughed for about a week and went to his family, with directions to meet at the house of Colonel James Eaton's in Warren County North Carolina, where he accordingly met his Captain and fellow soldiers, and remained there about a week and all the Company had not rendezvoused and I was allowed to go home again about ten miles. I was gone about a week and after my return we remained at Eaton's about two weeks, and we marched to a little village (I do not know that it had any name) towards the Wateree [River], about 20 miles from Eaton's; here we drew rations, and were marched to Savannah in Georgia. From Savannah we were marched to Sunbury [sic, Sunbury], from there and expedition was projected by land and water against the British at Saint Augustine. I was of the water party, we proceeding until we reached a point supposed to be within 10 miles of Saint Augustine, where we landed and joined a part of the land forces. It somehow so happened our company had not supplied us with provisions and we returned by land to Sunbury without affecting anything except the loss of Lieutenant Ward who was killed in Florida. When I enlisted I had been married about a year, and left a destitute wife and during my absence had a child: I became extremely anxious to see them and about the time document No. 2 herewith submitted is dated, I made an arrangement, with a man by the name of Joshua Moss to serve out the balance of my time being seventeen months. I had been in service nineteen months, and enlisted for three years. I agreed to give him \$100, two suits of clothes and a blanket, and he was accepted in my place. I got a discharge from the service and returned home in the spring of 1778 when I was about to start Captain Francis Moore gave me this paper marked No. 2, mentioning several

persons who had deserted the service, and as I knew them all he requested me to endeavor to apprehend them and assuring me I should have the reward stipulated. I however never heard of them certainly. In the winter of December 1779 I was drafted in the militia service in Warren County North Carolina. And having served sometime in the Regular Service and procured a man at great cost to serve the balance of the time Colonel Thomas Eaton wrote the paper document No. 3 herewith submitted, which will explain for itself the purpose for which it was drawn. Although I had a good sum subscribed to give to any man to go in my place, I could not succeed in hiring a man to take my place, and I had to perform a three month tour in the Militia, under Captain John Withers, I overtook the Army on their march before they arrived at Pedee [River], on their way to Charleston, then expected to be besieged by the British, we were quartered near the city until March, when my time for which I was drafted (three months) expired and I was discharged, about five days before the British set down before Charleston. I got a written discharge. I have lost both of my discharges, I feel certain I had them until ten years ago, when I lived in Bedford County. I made a search for them amongst my papers and could not find them. I expect I lost them on the road as I moved from North Carolina. After my return I lived ten years in Warren County North Carolina thirty-four years in Surry County, and moved to Bedford County Tennessee and lived there five years and have been living in this County eleven years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this day of August 1832

Test: S/ R. McIver, Clerk

S/ John Dillard, X his mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and John M. Johnson one of the Court doth further certify that he was personally acquainted with General Thomas Eaton, who is did, and well acquainted with his hand writing and that document No. 3 is his hand write [sic].

S/ J. M. Johnson, JP

S/ B. G. Stewart, JP

S/ J. Perkins, JP

[illegible text]	Dolrs
Captain Clanton	30
Stephen Shall	10
Samuel Woodard	5
Thomas Carrill	5
Arthur Smith	10
James Wilson	10
Edmd Webb	5
Daniel Hightower	20
Samuel Yeargran	20
Matthew Myrick	20
John Moore	15

Warren County Dec^r 11th 1779

The bearer of this (John Dillon) hath
leave of Absence from the Militia now
on there march to South Carolina

for three or four Days. An indulgence
due to his particular fate, After serving
three years in the Continental Army –
He is at this time liable to turn out
in the Militia and no Law of this
State can relieve him and to [illegible word or words]
helpless Family Which must experience
the greater distress should he be Obligated
to March. In a Christian Land it is to
be hoped that there are people well
disposed to favour the unhappy, then
permit me to propose that a person be immedi-
ly hired to take his place (in the Militia)
toward which I will give 200 Dollars.

Frank Thornton 40

S/ Thos. Eaton

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears
from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John
Dilliard [sic] a Sergeant in Captain Williams's Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted in 1777 for
2 1/2 years, and was omitted in September 1777. That it appears from the Warrant book that he
drew a Warrant for 2 1/2 years services as a Sergeant.

Given under my hand this 19th March 1833

S/ Wm Hill