

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Dunlap S3310

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[p 7]State of Tennessee Humphreys County} S.S.

On this day the 23rd July 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held in & for the aforesaid County of Humphreys, Samuel Dunlap a resident of said County aged Seventy five 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.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer private in the year 1775 under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.: That he entered the service, he believes about the first of October in the year aforesaid in Craven County, South Carolina, under the command of Captain John Barkley [John Barclay] of Casins [sic?] County. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Joseph Casher [sic, Joseph Kershaw]; and one ___ Marshall [probably John Marshal] was major -- The Regiment rendezvoused at a place called Lee's old fields from whence we marched to Congaree River, where General Richardson [Richard Richardson] arrived & took command -- we then marched to Duncan's Creek from thence to Rayburn's Creek at which place a party of us was detached under command of Adjutant Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], to suppress a party of Tories collected at Golden Grove Creek, which party we surprised and took about 95 prisoners, after which we were marched back to Craven County, and dismissed from the service, after having served three months.

This Affiant saith that he entered the service as a volunteer again in July 1776 under command of Captain James Andrews, Andrew McElwayn [sic, Andrew McIlvain] Lieutenant, and marched to Fishdam Ford on Broad River, thence to Princes Fort, & there stationed, at which place he was discharged in September following, performing at that time a tour of two months.

This Affiant was again drafted and entered the service of United States at Camden about the first of March 1779, Lieutenant Andrew McIlvain was the only officer, this Affiant believes, that went at that term from the same Company -- Colonel Eli Casher [sic, Eli Kershaw] commanded the Regiment -- they joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] on the Savannah [River], opposite Augusta. Colonel Kershaw marched his Regiment to a place called "the Three Rivers [?]" where they were discharged after having served a tour of three months.

This Affiant volunteered, and again went into the service of the United States under Captain George Dunlap & Andrew McIlvain Lieutenant early in July 1780, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie], and joined General Sumter on Waxhaw Creek; from this place, this affiant was sent out in a reconnoitering party under Colonel Kimbrell [Frederick Kimball], they captured upwards of two hundred British soldiers & took a quantity of baggage & several wagons the day previous to Gates' Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] -- This affiant was in the battle [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]

where Sumter was defeated about two miles from the mouth of Fishing Creek on the Catawba River, he then went into North Carolina on the Yadkin River -- seven miles below Salisbury and continued there till the British left Charlotte NC [Cornwallis retreated from Charlotte North Carolina in early October 1780 after learning of the defeat of Patrick Ferguson's forces at Kings Mountain on October 8, 1780] serving a tour at that time of three months.

He volunteered again in April 1781 and entered the service of the United States under Colonel Kimball, Andrew McIlvain Lieutenant and joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Rugeley's Mills -- here Colonel Kimball was ordered with his Regiment to Burnsid's Mills, where they continued till the British evacuated Camden after which they were discharged this affiant at that time performing a tour of three months, making in the aggregate the amount of eighteen months.

This affiant further states that he has no papers or documents in his possession by which he can prove his services, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove the same except George Davidson¹ whose certificate is hereunto annexed. Whereupon the Court propose the following interrogatories

Where & in what year were you born?

Answer: in Craven County South Carolina in the year 1757

Have you any record of your age?

Answer: At present I have none --

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?

Answer: From the close of the war to the year 1812 I resided in Craven County South Carolina at which time I removed to this place and have continued here ever since --

How were you called into Service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Answer -- I volunteered several times, and I was sometimes drafted --

State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the regular troops where you served, such Continental and militia Regiments as you recollect -- and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I remember no other Regular field officer except Colonel Pope. I cannot Terrell what Regiment he commanded --

did you ever receive a discharge for your service, and if so where is it now?

Answer -- I never received any written discharge.

The Applicant refers the court to James Forrest and Jas Teas Esquire for the evidence of his character for veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

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

S/ Saml. Dunlap



Test S/ D. P. Hudson, Clerk

[James Forrest, a clergyman, and James Teas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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¹ [George Davidson W283](#)

And George Davidson the witness referred to in the declaration appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn deposed and saith

That he was acquainted with Samuel Dunlap, that he knew him to serve as a private in the Army of the United States -- that in the year 1775 he served under General Richardson -- that he served under General Williamson in 1779 and under General Sumter in 1780, and that he the Deponent served with him at the times and under the Officers here above named.

S/ George Davidson



[p 3: On November 16, 1835, Samuel Dunlap applied in Haywood County Tennessee for a transfer of his pension payments saying that he had recently moved from Humphreys to Haywood County Tennessee giving as his reasons therefore the following: "that the parents of his grandson William Dunlap -- whom he has raised moved from the said County of Humphreys to the said County of Haywood and he my grandson William Dunlap wished to go with his parents and I having no family did not wish to part with my grandson whom I had raised, moved with them to Haywood County."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 2 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Samuel Dunlap
Audited Account No. 2089

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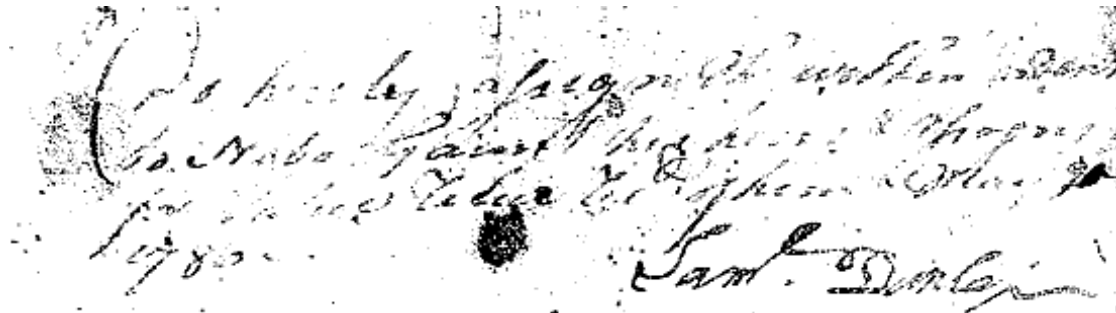
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[Note: This MAY be the same man as the claimant whose claim is transcribed below]

[p 11: Printed form of indent No. 307 Book O dated April 14, 1785 "delivered to Mr. Samuel Dunlap this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Twelve pounds Fifteen Shillings and eight pence half penny Sterling duty done in the Militia [sic, Militia] in 1779, 1780 and 1781 per account audited."]

[pp 12 & 13: Reverse and retake of the reverse of the above Indent bearing a faint endorsement as follows:



² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.