

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Dyson S39475 VA
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Prince George County, to wit;

Second Judicial circuit of Va.

This 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred & eighteen, personally appeared before me, Richard E. Parker, one of the Judges of the General Court, and Judge of the Second judicial circuit aforesaid, Robert Dyson, and in pursuance of act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land & naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war," and in order to obtain the assistance thereby afforded, to revolutionary officers & soldiers, in reduced circumstances, made oath, that in the year 1778, he entered the 15th Continental Regiment Va line whereof the late Col. [William] Heth of Henrico was then either Colonel or Lieut. Colonel, in a Company commanded by Capt [Thomas] Wells; that he served twelve months in the same Regiment & Company; that he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and several skirmishes; that his discharge has been long since lost, as he did not suppose it would ever be of use to him; that he has never received any pension or other bounty from his country, that from his age & infirmities he is unable, by labour, to gain a livelihood; and that he stands in need of assistance from his country for support, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life.

Stephen Dyson made oath, that he knows the above statement to be true, as far as it relates to the time of the enlistment, the length of service & the honorable discharge of Robert Dyson – having belonged to the same regiment and company with him, during the whole of the said twelve months; and further he said not.

District of Virginia; Fifth Judicial Circuit, Town of Petersburg Superior Court. sct

On this 18th day of May 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a Court of record for the said District & Town, Robert Dyson, resident in the vicinity of the said Town & within the Circuit & District aforesaid aged about 65 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: as well as his memory serves him, but having been injured some years since by a fall, he finds it difficult to remember dates & names.)

First in the 15th Va. Regiment under Colo. [Gustavus Brown] Wallace & Heth, in which he was carried to Valley Forge, where he was attached to Capt. Wells company who succeeded Capt. [James] Harris) in Gen'l. Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade. From Valley Forge went through New Jersey to Monmouth – served in the engagement there; in the spring succeeding which he was discharged, having served 12 months – served several times for two or three months together in the Militia about Petersburg. Date of the original Declaration not recollected. Pension certificate No. 12.796.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of Property.

None. Formerly a Farmer, but having been disabled by a fall I am not & have not been for several years past able to work