

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Dunn S41515

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State of North Carolina }
Rowan County }

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Rowan at the Court House in Salisbury on the third Monday in August, Anno Domini (1818) one thousand eight hundred and eighteen the following record was made towit, This day personally appeared in open Court George Dunn aged sixty years a Citizen of Rowan County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by a late act of Congress "entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, during the revolutionary war," that he the said George Dunn enlisted in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Sims White in the 4th Regiment, commonly called the artillery regiment under Colonel Owen Roberts for the term of two years, commencing on the first of January 1776; that he the said George Dunn continued to serve in the said corps or service of the United States untill the first of January 1778 when he was discharged from the service of his Country in the City of Charleston South Carolina; he further declares upon his oath aforesaid, that he served against the common enemy subsequent to the above enlistment, that during his service aforesaid, he was in the battle of Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and that he was made a prisoner of war at the capture of the City of Charleston in the year 1780 [12 May] by the enemy under the command of Sir Henry Clinton: that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services and the aforesaid affidavit is corroborated by the testimony of Charles Fisher, who deposeth that he is well acquainted, with the situation of the said Dunn, and that he stands in need of the provisions of the aforesaid act of Congress. — Now it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the aforesaid affidavits are true; That the said George Dunn did serve in the revolutionary war of the United States against the common enemy for a longer term of time than nine months: that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: — and that he has no other evidence of his services now in his power: - it is therefore ordered that the foregoing be made a matter of record; and that the clerk certify and transmit the same to the Honourable the Secretary at War of the United States:—

State of North Carolina } Court of pleas and quarter sessions:
Rowan County } August Sessions anno Domini 1820:

On this 25th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Rowan, George Dunn aged sixty eight years, a resident in the County of Rowan aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war of the United States, as follows, in the Fourth South Carolina Regiment, commonly called the Artillery Regiment, and these services were set forth in his original Declaration under date of the 17th of August 1818 and that a pension Certificate No. 10908 and Dated 21st day of May 1819 was granted to him; and he does further solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of the 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 the 18th day of March 1818; and that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts or debts due him, nor has he any income; and he does further solemnly swear that he has no property, no Estate real or personal, that he has no profession whereby he can earn a Subsistence, that he has no family of any description to aid or assist him in earning a necessary support [signed] Geo Dunn

NOTE: Few soldiers captured at Charleston served the Battle of Camden. Captured Continental soldiers were held for more than a year, although many escaped. Captured militiamen were generally released on parole (oath not to return to arms), and very few violated parole.