

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Liles S4544

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State of Tennessee Carroll County} Oct. Term 1832 of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity

On this 15th of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William B. Turley one of the Circuit Judges of Law and Equity of said State now holding the Circuit Court of said County, David Liles a resident of said County and State aged Seventy Seven years, on the 13th day of August last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

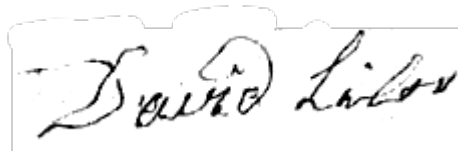
This declarant states, as he understood from his parents he was born on the Meherrin River, on the 13th of August A.D. 1756, in what State and County he does not know, as he was so young when he left it and removed with his Father, up into Virginia into the County then called Pittsylvania the part of which he lived as he now understands divided into Henry County. He resided there ten years; after which his Father removed to South Carolina, in the County of Craven, where he lived five years, when they again removed, up into the State of North Carolina, and Rutherford County here he resided during the Revolutionary War.

This declarant states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: Early in the year of 1776 declarant states he joined a company of mounted Rangers at John McKinney's Fort commanded by John McKinney in the said County of Rutherford, where he served one year ranging there and thereabouts. He further states that he made divers trips in the surrounding country at the head of a party of men of which he was the leader, in search of Indians, then supposed to be Cherokees. There was another party of the same men led by a man by the name of William Robbins. States that they suffered great hardships, and that he slept out as many as a hundred nights, with his gun in his arms, being afraid to make fires for fear of raising these Indians. The next year they were transferred to Mills' Station in said County about 30 miles from McKinney's Fort commanded by Captain Thomas Mills, where he served twelve months, there he acted as a Ranger, and was also engaged protecting the Fort from the Indians. Declarant states that he received written discharges from Captain John McKinney and Captain Thomas Mills, which have since been lost. He continued to reside in Rutherford County and State of North Carolina, until about ten years of this time, when he removed from there to Jackson County, on the Cumberland River, in this State, where he lived three years, whence he removed to Maury County in said State, where he remained likewise three years, and removed to this County where he now lives. This declarant states that he had a record of his birth, which was plundered from house by the Tories. This declarant has no

documentary evidence of his claim, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except John Fisher Senior¹ of Warren County in this State, and Edward Dicus Senior² of Jackson County, in this State also, whose affidavits, are hereto appended.

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

S/ David Liles



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court this 15th of October 1832

S/ James H. Gee, Clerk

I accept a pension for fifteen months and relinquish the balance for the present this 7th of January 1834

S/ John B. Forester

[John Parker, a clergyman, and Henry Tate gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories propounded by the Court to David Liles the foregoing applicant for a pension

Quest: 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: On Meherrin River in the year 1755

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I had, but it was taken away [by] the Tories

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: in North Carolina in Rutherford County North Carolina when called into service -- since that time in North Carolina & Tennessee

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. As a volunteer during the war

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

There was no regular officers where I served -- Served with no Continental regiments. The general circumstances of my service as stated in my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. Received discharges from Captains Mills & McKinney but they have since been lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

¹ [John Fisher W25580](#)

² Sic, [Edward Dicus S3314](#)

revolution.

Ans: I would refer the court to Jacob Black, John Parker, Henry Tate & my neighbors generally --

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State of Tennessee Jackson County} This day being the Eleventh day of July 1832 this day came Edward Dicus Senior personally before me Samuel Hannah one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County and made oath in due form that he was acquainted with David Liles in the time of the old revolutionary war and knew him to be a true republican and was at a station called Mckinnos Fort as a guard to guard the station against the Indians and Saw David Liles frequently while there and understood he was one of the guard.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written
S/ S. Hannah, JP

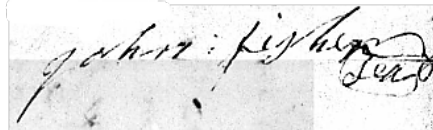
S/ Edward Dicus, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Warren County} This day being the Seventh day of July 1832 this day came John Fisher Senior personally before me William Dunham one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the said County and made oath in due form of law and says that he was acquainted with David Liles in the time of the old revolutionary war and knows him to be a true republican and was at a station called Mills' Station as a guard to guard the station against the Indians and saw David Liles frequently while there and understood he was one of the guard. Sworn to and subscribed before [me] the day and year above written.

Attest: S/ William Dunham, JP

S/ John Fisher {Seal}



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State of Tennessee Warren County} This day personally appeared before me William Dunham an acting justice of the peace for said County John Fisher aged 76 years who being sworn according to law deposeth that he was well acquainted with David Liles during the revolutionary war and since and knew him while in the service of his country at Mills Station in Rutherford County North Carolina where he was placed as a guard to protect the frontiers from the Indians at which place he remained 12 months as he believes. Sworn to and subscribed or me the 27th day of June 1833

S/ William Dunham, JP

S/ John Fisher

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State of Tennessee Jackson County} This day came personally before me Samuel Hannah an acting Justice of the peace for said County Edward Dicus aged 79 years who being sworn according to law deposeth that he was well acquainted with David Liles during the revolutionary War and since and knew him while in the service of his country at McKinney's Fort as a guard to guard the Station against the Indians in Rutherford County North Carolina where he was placed

as a guard to protect the frontiers from the Indians that the said David Liles was at the Fort a soldier when he went there and he the said Dicus stayed at the Fort three months and that when he left the Fort he left the said Liles there.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 13th day of July 1833

S/ S. Hannah, JP

S/ Edward Dicus, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum from March 4th, 1831, for one year & three months service in the revolution.]