

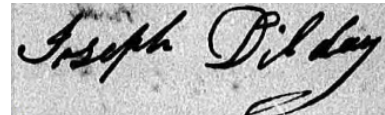
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Dilday S6795 VA [NC?]
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Hertford County } August Term 1832

On this Twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court for the County aforesaid Joseph Dilday a resident of the State of North Carolina and of the County of Hertford aged seventy six or thereabout, 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 under Daniel Riddick Captain, Books Wells Colonel and James Wells first Major and William Ely adjutant Major, that he entered the said army in the latter part of the Summer or early in the Fall of 1779 as this affiant believes, and that he left the service the following year in the month of September, having served in the army twelve months and upwards. During his service under Daniel Riddick this affiant states that he was engaged in keeping guard in the County of Nansemond in the State of Virginia about old Town and Pig Point. That after having served under Daniel Riddick about three months affiant was placed under James Griffith Captain and Humphry Griffith first Lieutenant under whom he served about three months, during which time he was constantly engaged in keeping guard between Portsmouth & Suffolk in the State of Virginia. This affiant states that he was then placed under Robert Riddick Captain and this affiant believes that Kinchin Godwin was first Lieutenant. Under Captain Robert Riddick affiant was employed in guarding Willamsburg [sic: Williamsburg] and keeping guard over Little York (Va) – that on James River affiant was engaged in a small skirmish with the English who were then plundering the Country on the River. This affiant states that he served under Captain Robert Riddick about six month & that during the whole time of his service Book Wells was the Colonel and James Wells the first Major of the regiment to which he belonged except for a short time of service which he rendered under Jesse Benton Captain & ~~William~~ Gregory, General. That at the time he was drafted in the army he was a resident of the County of Nanseman in the State of Virginia, this affiant having shortly previous thereto moved from the State of North Carolina. that this affiant was drafted and served as such during the whole of the time except that part of the service before spoken of a having been rendered under Jesse Benton, and that under Benton he served as a substitute – that he marched through the Country upon James and Nanseman Rivers and through the adjacent towns.

This affiant states that he has no documentary evidence whether of his entering or serving in the Revolutionary War. This affiant 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.



State of North Carolina } SS
Hertford Co } [28 May 1833]

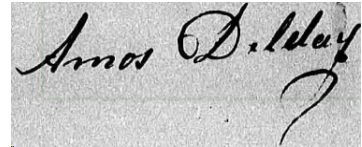
The amended application of Joseph Dilday of Hertford Co. No.Ca. states that he served as he before states that he entered the service of the United States in the month of Sept 1779 & that he remained in the s'd servic until the Sept following, 12 months when he was discharged. He was a Private Soldier and served under the Officers as he aforestates. He refers to the affidavit of Amos Dilday [pension application S6794] who served with the applicant, & knows of his actual performance in the service. In this service of twelve months performed as aforesaid stated as a private soldier he claims a pension.

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This day appeared before me Clerk of s'd court, Amos Dilday who is a revolutionary Pensioner now on the rolls of War Department resident in Gates Co No.Ca. aged 73 years and maketh oath in due form of Law & saith

That he is well acquainted with Joseph Dilday from childhood, and during the revolutionary war he knows s'd Joseph was a private soldier in Col. Wells regiment North Carolina Militia in the year 1779 and that he knows s'd Joseph continued for nine months in s'd regiment & believes that he continued longer but this witness left this part of the State for the West to serve in the Revolutionary army whither his company was ordered.

Sworn to before me this 28th May 1833

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amos Dilday". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and putting the following interrogatories as follows to Mr Dilday

1. Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. In Gates County N.C. in Dec 3^d 1756

2. Have you any record of age, & where is it?

Ans. I have at home ready to [illegible word]

3. Where were you living when you were called into the service, where have you lived since the war & where now?

Ans. I was living in Gates when called into the service, since that period I have lived in Hertford most of the time more than 40 years where I now live

4. When called into the service the first tour under capt Riddick I was drafted, the next tour I was a substitute for Mr Barnes, & the next tour I was drafted & the last tour I volunteered. These tours were of three months each – & the last one ended the war.

5. There were Gen'l. LaFayette & Gen'l Washington at York of the Regulars. Col Wells of the Militia. The regiment of Militia in which this applicant might been at the seige of York – but it was understood that Gen'l Washington had ordered that the Militia should not be brought on the field.

6. The applicant never rec'd any discharge of the officer.

7. Watson Lewis Esq'r. P. M. at Pitch Landing, John Vann Esq'r Chairman of our County Court [can testify as to veracity and reputation as a soldier of the Revolution].

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that Joseph Dilday's widow received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 28 Feb 1841.