

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dixon Fail (Faile) S6833

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of pleas & Quarter sessions August Term
1832

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Johnston & State of North Carolina, Dixon Faile a resident of Johnston aged 76 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 enlisted in the service of the United States in the year of 1776 according to Declarant's best recollection, and served in the Ranger Regiment under Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] who lived upon the Congaree [River] in South Carolina. His first General was Lee [Charles Lee]. His Captain was named Dollison [John Donelson] -- Lieutenant Salton [could be Sutton].¹ He entered the service on Big Lynches Creek in South Carolina. He rendezvoused at Camden and marched down to the ten mile house above Charleston SC. Remained there a few months until the British fleet arrived at Charleston. He was then marched to Charleston and after remaining there a few days were carried on to Sullivan's Island. He was at the Battle of Sullivan's Island when an attack was made [June 28, 1776]² upon the Island by General Clinton [s or Henry Clinton]. He remained at the Island after the Battle under command of General Sumpter [then Major Thomas Sumter] for some weeks. Thence he received a furlough for a month signed by Colonel Thompson -- after which time he rendezvoused at the Eutaw Springs where he met with his former officer. He was there engaged principally in suppressing domestic Insurrection. At one time he was called to the Savannah River. His whole term of service was eighteen months -- which he served fully and faithfully. He was regularly discharged by Colonel Thompson which discharge he has lost.

He 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 of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of August 1832

Test: S/ R^m Sanders

S/ Dixon Fail, X his mark

[Ransom Sanders, Clerk]

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² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

State of North Carolina Johnston County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Sessions
1833

The amended declaration of Dixon Fail

Question do you know of a clergyman and another respectable Citizen, who can prove your age and has heard of your revolutionary Services --

Answer: I do know of a clergyman named Benjamin Rose, who I think will say that I am 76 years, and that it is generally claimed that I am a revolutionary soldier -- his affidavit, I have procured, in the same is herewith filed.

Question -- Can you prove by 2 respectable citizens your age and the general belief in your neighborhood relative to your revolutionary services

Answer. I can prove by John Avera and Hardy Avera my age and the general belief as to the nature of my revolutionary services.

John Avera and Hardy Avera makes oath that they believe Dixon Fail is 76 years old and that it is generally believed in the neighborhood that he was a revolutionary soldier -- and the said John Avera certifies as a fact that he was present in Johnston County when Dixon Fail returned from his service as a soldier in the revolutionary Army, and the said Dixon Fail was naked, and covered with lice and has no doubt he was a faithful soldier and has always been believed to have been a true Whig and faithful soldier in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to and Open court

S/ Hardy Avera

S/ John Avera

S/ Rm Sanders, Clk

Question Have you any documentary evidence as to your service -- Answer. I had a regular discharge but have lost or mislaid the same. I once had the affidavit of Thomas Scott Winns who served with me but have lost or mislaid the same.

Question: Can you procure the testimony of a living witness who can prove your service --

Answer. I was enlisted in the State of South Carolina and I do not know of a living witness in this State or the State of South Carolina that can prove my service as a regular soldier. It has been at the least fifty-two years since I left the State of South Carolina and [several indecipherable words] to this State. It is therefore out of my power to procure a living witness as to my service -- I have not heard or seen any of the soldiers belonging to my company or Regiment for 52 years -- I was enlisted as stated in my declaration in the state of South Carolina.
Sworn to and Open Court.

S/ Dixon Fail, X his mark

S/ Ransom Sanders, Clerk

[Benjamin Rose, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]