

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Dobbs Young S7994

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared before us Arthur Dobbs Young [sic] two of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid & Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Arthur Dobbs Young a resident of said County aged about Seventy five or Six years of age, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & Served as herein stated. That he believes in January or February of the year 1776 he was a hireling in Wayne County then called Dobbs County – that he volunteered for a tour of three months in the militia under the Command of Captain Jos Sessoms [Joseph Sessions] & Stephen Pipkin<sup>1</sup> Lieutenant – that their Company was marched to the Town of Kinston in Lenoir County that when they arrived there – there was a Considerable number of militia under the Command of General Caswell [Richard Caswell] & Colonel Benjamin Axum [Benjamin Exum] at the same place (Kinston) there was a company of regular Soldiers under the Command of Captain William Caswell, he believes a son of the General. They staid there about three weeks – when General Caswell marched them to the Town of Wilmington in this State & went he believes about a mile below the Town to a place called the Cool Spring & there encamped until their time of Service expired & were discharged -- & then Returned Back to Sampson County where I was Born & Raised – that he believes about three years or more afterwards he volunteered under the Command of Charles Ward Captain – James Kenan Colonel – John Treadwell Major – that they were marched down to the Big Bridge across the north East fringe of the Cape Fear River, some Distance above the Town of Wilmington -- first Encamped near the red House & from thence went down near the Bridge & made Entrenchments, where we stayed five or six weeks. When the alarm was given one night – night that the British were about to Cross the River – General Linnington [John Alexander Lillington] Caused the Main Army which was about 900 or 1000 men to march to an Old Road about two miles from the entrenchments & there Stood under arms, until it was discovered to be a false alarm – when they were marched Back to their entrenchments – when it was discovered that the British got across the River some miles below their entrenchments – from thence General Lillington marched them to Rutherford's Mills – from thence to Limestone -- from thence to Kinston in Lenoir County where we Stayed till our term of three months Expired & were discharged. That in the Fall of the Year after he was discharged at Kinston he volunteered again for a term of three months in the Light horse Company

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1 [Stephen Pipken \(Pipkin\) R8269](#) may be the individual referred to by this application, although Pipkin did not claim to be an officer in his application.

Commanded by David Todd Captain & James Moore Col. That Captain Todd's residence was in the Head Quarters place of Rendezvous but part of the Company was always Actively engaged riding in every Direction through the Counties of Sampson, Bladen & New Hanover to Suppress the Tories, that when his time expired & was discharged he came Back to his Family in Sampson County where he Stayed about two weeks, when he volunteered for a fourth term of three months of Service in the light horse Company Commanded by Captain Asher Pipkin [Asa Pipkin] & were marched across the Cape Fear River to Elizabethtown in Bladen County thence down the South Side of said River below the Town of Brunswick to Lockhart's Creek where we stayed some time & then went up the River & Crossed at Negro Head Point & went into the Town of Wilmington after the British had evacuated the same place<sup>2</sup> declared all discharged – and he then returned to Sampson County where he has lived ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or (If any) only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & Year first above mentioned.

S/ Arthur Dobbs Young, X his mark

In the presence of us

S/ Jas. Bennett, JP

S/ Jno King, JP

Interrogatories propounded to the applicant by the Justices of the peace & Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Sampson in the State of North Carolina --  
Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was Born in Sampson County, Young Swamp -- the Year I do not know for I have no record of my age the only way I can Come at my age is that in 1776 he Entered the war of the revolution & that in the May following he would be 18 years of age – So I was told  
2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have none -- & I do not know there ever was any made.

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

Answer: I was living in Wayne then called Dobbs County when my mother hired me – ever since then I lived in Sampson County where I now live

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I volunteered each time.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I have no recollection of regular Officers except William Caswell Son of General Caswell nor of no Regiment except what was commanded by General Caswell below the Town of Wilmington & General Lillington at the Big Bridge above the Town of Wilmington. I never was Stationed where there was any regular Officers or Soldiers that I know of my Service I detailed at length it by declaration – four tours of three months each – first at Wilmington – Second at the Big Bridge – Third in the light horse under Captain Todd – 4<sup>th</sup> in the light horse under Captain Asher Pipkin – I was in no Regular Battle But in a number of Skirmishes with the Tories.

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

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<sup>2</sup> November 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_evacuation\\_of\\_wilmington.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_evacuation_of_wilmington.html)

Answer: I have no recollection of receiving a written Discharge but only a verbal.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I was born, raised & lived in the County close to my present residence – I believe there are a number now living that knows of my Service, If I could recollect them – but I am very confident that Bryant McCullen<sup>3</sup> [sic, Bryan McCullen] Served with me one term below Wilmington, Harry Brewer [?] Served with me three months under Captain David Todd in the light Horse & Thomas Gregory<sup>4</sup> Served with me three months in the light horse the last tour I served under Captain Asher Pipkin – the other tour at the Big Bridge above one point to – I have no recollection of any one now living that was in our Company.

Sworn to before us

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ Jas Bennett, JP

I Thomas Gregory Living in Sampson County North Carolina do hereby Certify that I served three months in the revolutionary War with Captain Asher Pipkin in the light Horse company being the fourth tour as by him Stated – to wit Arthur Dobbs Young that he has known the Said Arthur Dobbs Young ever since the revolution war & believes that he served as by him Stated.

Sworn to before us this third day of March 1834

S/ Thomas Gregory

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ Jas Bennett, JP

I Henry Brewer living & residing in the County of Sampson & State of North Carolina do hereby Certify that I knew Arthur Dobbs Young an applicant for a pension. I know that he Served in the light horse in the revolutionary War under Captain David Todd – I have known him ever since the revolutionary War & believe that he served as he has Stated.

Sworn to before me this third day of March 1834.

S/ Henry Brewer, X his mark

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ Jas Bennett, JP

I Bryant McCullen of the County of Sampson & State of North Carolina do hereby Certify that I have known the applicant, Arthur Dobbs Young for more than Sixty years & believe him to be of the age he States & I do further Certify that in February or March 1776 the said Applicant entered the revolutionary Army under Captain Sessoms & Lieutenant Pipken & served therein as by him Stated, at the Cool Spring below the Town of Wilmington -- & I do further Certify him to be a man of truth & honesty.

Sworn to before us

S/ Bryant McCullen, X his mark

S/ Jno King, JP

S/ Jas Bennett, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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3 [Bryan McCullen S9018](#)

4 [Thomas Gregory S41589](#)