

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Dalton S8295

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State of North Carolina } On this 10th day of September [1832] personally appeared before
Rutherford County } the Justices of the peace in open Court held for the County aforesaid
William Dalton a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina
aged seventy eight 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed
the 7th June 1832. That he entered in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 for the Term of Two
years with Captain John Moore in the County of Albermarl [sic: Albemarle] and state of Virginia at
Charlottesville and served in the [blank] Redgment of the Virginia line under the following named
officers. John Moore was the Captain and the Redgment was commanded by Colo. [William] Nelson
belonging to the Continental line of the State of Virginia after the Redgment was form'd. at
Charlottesville we was marched to Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] from there to Alexandria then to
Baltimore from there we was march back to Charlottesville, Va. or near that place we was placed to
guard the magazine and shortly after a large number of prisoners that was brot to that place he continued
at that post untill his term of Service expired when he was honourably discharged in the year 1778.
Shortly after that time his Father with all the family moved to Burke County North Carolina in the very
hottest part of the Indian and Tory War in the adjoining Counties he immediately became a Volunteer
under Captain Joseph McDowell of Burke County North Carolina Ready at a moments warning to go to
any point we was Directed The Tories had at that time such a strong force bordering on us that had to act
on the defensive we had many small encounters with them they ultimately became to strong for us. we
that was able to bear arms had to cross the mountains to a strong settlement on the west side where we
Recruited our forces and Returned again to Burke County N Carolina we there had a short Respite I
went to Rutherford County N Carolina where I became Immediately a Volunteer under Captain John
McClain. we was principally employed in guarding the Frontier and watching the maneuvers of the Tories
on the borders of South Carolina. I was sent under the command of Captain James McDaniel at the Seige
of Ninety Six [in South Carolina, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] I think General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]
commanded at that place our suffering at that place was severe from there we came back to Rutherford
County N Carolina in fact I was not at any time three months out of actual service from 1776 to the end
of the war in 1781. I served under so many Officers I cannot Recollect the Different names unless those
that I was well acquainted with before I entered the Service I only Recollect a Captain a Major a Col'n
or a General we had no other names for them my being entirely Illiterate I have no memorandum to
check my memory I know we suffered many times as much with fatigue and hunger as we was able to
bear and many of my acquaintances sunk under the burthen I well know that the exposure that I Rec'd.at
that time from cold and heat is now settled in my bones that I am not able to work to support myself &
wife both on the decline there was a short time past person's living that could Testify to many of these
facts but they have so removed that it is not in my power at this time to procure there evidence from the
distance we live a part I do here by Relinquish every claim to a pension or an Annuity except the present
and he declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and
year aforesaid

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