

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Dameron S8310

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State of North Carolina, County of Caswell

On this 7th day of January 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of our Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid, now sitting, Joseph Dameron aged Seventy years on the 2nd day of February next 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, 1832. -- that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated, to wit – Some time in fall of the year 1780 and this Declarant thinks perhaps in the month of September, he entered the Service of the United States as a soldier, he being drafted and entered in the Company commanded by Captain Mumford [Edward Mumford] of the militia of the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the a Regiment or Company commanded by Colonel William Downman, and from the said County of Amelia, they were marched to a place called Caber Point [sic, Cabin Point], where they were stationed as this Declarant understood for the purpose of affording assistance to Portsmouth in the event any assistance was needed at that place; and Cabin Point being at that time a healthy place. They remained at that place until General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] passed by that place with his Army on his way to the South, when the Amelia Troops or militia of which this declarant was one, came on with General Greene as far as Petersburg, when the term for which he, this Declarant, was drafted expired and he accordingly gave up his arms & the ammunition to the armory in Petersburg, and was discharged after serving a tour of three months duty. He thinks he received his discharge from Captain Mumford some time about the last of December 1780. Some time in the next month (January) or thereabouts, there was a general alarm in the Country and a report that the enemy had come to Petersburg and burnt the town and were committing dreadful ravages in the Country, and all the people and men in the Country were called upon to take up arms in defense of their Country and immediate neighborhood; accordingly this Declarant Volunteered under Captain Robert Bolling [Robert Bowling], and Lieutenant Samuel Watkins and marched down to Petersburg; and found that the enemy had not yet reached Petersburg, and were there stationed for something about three weeks until the general excitements were over and finding out that the Town was not in danger, this Declarant together with the rest of the Company were disbanded and return home, after being gone about three weeks, as well as he can now recollect. Some few days after this, Declarant returned home from Petersburg, in the month of February 1781, he Substituted himself in the place of a man whose name this declarant cannot now recollect in a Volunteer Company commanded by Captain William Harrison which Company was raised in the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia, for the aid of North Carolina and was accordingly marched under Captain William Harrison and the Lieutenant John Williams, in the Company commanded by Colonel Robert Mumford through the Southern part of Virginia into North Carolina, and joined General Greene's Army at a place called the High Rock. At this place or somewhere thereabouts, Colonel Mumford being taken ill with the gout, this Declarant with the rest of the

Company were put under the Command of Colonel Holcomb [perhaps John Holcombe], and Major Skipwith [Henry Skipwith]. This Declarant being then with General Greene's Army under the officers above named, were marched in pursuit of the enemy under Lord Cornwallis and came up with him at Guilford Court House where they fought that memorable action [March 15, 1781]. This Declarant being in the action and fought during the battle. After the Battle, the troops rendezvoused at a place called the old Iron Works [Troublesome Ironworks] where this Declarant together with the rest of his Company all met or rather marched – for like men & soldiers, the Virginia militia, came off with credit after having done their duty, upon that occasion and not exactly so was the case with the North Carolina militia. From the Iron Works, this Declarant with the Main Army were marched in pursuit of the enemy as far as to a place called Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, at this place we made a halt, and the Company to which this declarant belonged was ordered to Hillsboro, where this Declarant was discharged after serving out his Time or Term of Service of three months – and returned home to Brunswick County in the State of Virginia, he thinks he got his discharge sometime in the month of May 1781. -- That at the time this Declarant first entered the Service in the War of the Revolution, he lived in the County of Amelia, being then the manager of his Father's plantation in that County; but at the time he substituted himself in the Volunteer Company as mentioned before (his last tour of duty) he lived with his Father in the County of Brunswick and the State of Virginia. This Declarant would also state that he has no Documentary evidence by which he can prove his Services, he having received discharges, but has long since destroyed or lost them expecting they would be of no use to him. Thus, the whole time which this Declarant served his Country as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution was something near or like seven months, as well as he can now recollect, which fact he submits to the generosity of his Country -- & for which Time he claims Compensation.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

The following Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant and his answers.

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

Answer: I was born as I have been told by my Father in Northumberland County in the State of Virginia on the second day of February 1763.

Questions 2nd: Have you any Record of your age, if so where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age now in my possession recorded in Burkett's Commentaries on the Scriptures which was my Father's book, but which now belongs to me.

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

Answer: I was living in Amelia County in the State of Virginia when I was first called into Service & also when I volunteered to go to Petersburg. I was living in Brunswick County and State of Virginia when I was called into Service the last Time or Tour. I have lived since the Revolutionary War about nine years in the State of Virginia near the place of my residence during the War in the several counties round about, being an overseer. I lived two years in the County of Halifax & State of Virginia – and the rest of my time I have lived in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina where I now live.

Question 4th: How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer: The first tour of duty which I served, I was drafted; the second tour to Petersburg, I volunteered and the last – I substituted myself in the place of a man whose name I have forgotten, he being a stranger to me.

Questions 5th: 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 recollect General Greene, who commanded us at Guilford. I recollect Colonels Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Washington [William Washington] of the Horse who were with us &

some others whose names I cannot now recollect, for I was very little with the Regulars, though they were with the Army where I was. I recollect Colonel Downman's Regiment & Colonel Mumford's & Colonel Holcomb's & others of the militia. The general Circumstances of my Service I have been particular in mentioning before in this my declaration.

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

Answer: I received a discharge from two tours of duty, the first and last which I served, but I have long since lost or destroyed them not expecting ever to have a use for them.

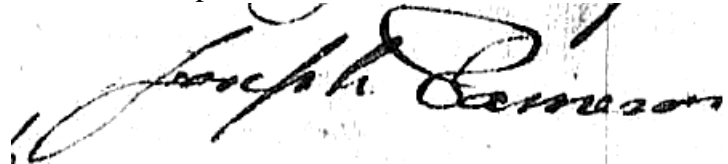
Question 7th: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and good Behavior, your services as a Soldier of the revolution?

Answer: I have lived upwards of Thirty years in this County and am known generally to the people of the County to any or all of whom I am willing to trust my Character for Veracity or good behavior and believing that they will me Justice. I shall however state the names of William A. Lea & Paul A. Haralson, gentlemen who statements anywhere may be relied upon. I expect I can prove my services by Stirling Gunn, in part and by George B. Dameron, both of whom knew me in the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clerk

S/ Joseph Dameron



[Robert McKee, a clergyman, and Paul A Haralson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

Be it remembered that on this day personally appeared in open Court now in session, Sterling Gunn¹ who being duly sworn according to law declares that he well recollects Joseph Dameron who has this day offered his Declaration for a pension – That I served with him one Tour of duty at Cabin Point as he has stated in his Declaration. That while in the Service in the War of the Revolution the said Joseph Dameron was a faithful and an active Soldier, and did, and performed his duty as far as his conduct came to the knowledge of this affiant. The said Joseph Dameron and this affiant being both from said County of Amelia & State of Virginia, and being together at Cabin Point as stated in the Declaration of Joseph Dameron.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 7 day of January A.D. 1833

S/ Starling Gunn



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George B Dameron, personally appears in open Court and being duly sworn according to law

¹ [Sterling \(Starling, Stirling\) Gunn S6941](#)

declares and swears that Joseph Dameron who has filed and offered his declaration for a pension was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. That he entered the service under Capt. Mumford, and was at Cabin Point & served out his Tour of Duty at that place. This affiant also well recollects that the said Joseph Dameron volunteered to go to Petersburg and did go as he has stated in this his declaration, and Lastly This Affiant well recollects that the said Joseph Dameron substituted himself in the place of a man – a stranger – in Capt. Harrison's Volunteer Company which went to North Carolina & that in all these Tours he went & was in the service, & heard that he was in the Guilford Battle & does believe it – these facts this affiant well recollects, though he was not quite old enough to be in the service with him.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of January 1833

S/ Geo. B. Dameron

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. B. Dameron", with a small mark at the end of the line.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 21 days in the Virginia service.]