

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Dews S8312

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State of Virginia }
County of Pittsylvania } Set

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting William Dews a resident of the said County of Pittsylvania and State aforesaid aged Eighty 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of February 1776 for two years with Lieutenant Henderson in Capt Thomas Walkers Company then stationed at Charlottesville in the County of Albemarle Virginia. on the 12th day of that month this Company left Charlottsville [sic: Charlottesville] and marched direct to Gloucester Court House Virginia and from there they marched to the Chesapeak [sic: Chesapeake] bay and went across to the County of Northampton and were there attached to the 9th Regiment of the Virginia line under the command of Colo. George Matthews [sic: George Mathews] and Major Joins [sic: Levin Joynes]. that they were stationed in the said County of Northampton untill about the 19th or 20th of December 1776 when they were marched from thence to Morristown in New Jersey and joined the army under Genl. George Washington at that place in January 1777 where he had taken up Winter quarters. Early in the Spring following a picked company was made up from the different regiments and placed under the command of Lieut [William] Henderson who acted as Captain, of which he said William Dews was one. this Company was put under Colo. Daniel Morgan who commanded a Rifle Corps and was with him in three engagements on one day, first at Brunswick where the British had mustered, the 2nd & third near the same place, that he continued with Colo. Morgan several months untill he was ordered to Albany that he left Colo. Morgan near Summerset [sic: Somerset] Court House New Jersey and returned under the command of Lieut. Martin to the said 9th Regiment under Colo. Matthews and was stationed at the Cross roads near Philidelphia [sic: Philadelphia] when the British arrived at the head of the Elk River [now Elkton MD, 28 Aug 1777] He was placed under the command of Colo. Richard Parker and was with him in the Battle of Brandywine on the 11th of September 1777. Soon after that he was again transfered to the 9th Regiment with Colo. Mathews and was with him in the Battle at Germantown when his Regiment was defeated by the British & he said Dews was taken prisoner on the 4th of October 1777 and carried to Philidelphia and put in Jail, kept there about eight months & was then carried by the British to Newyork [New York] and kept under guard 18 days then exchanged at Elizabeth River about the 17th July 1778 then marched to the White Plains in the state of New York and there discharged about the last of the same month, the whole of the service rendered under this enlistment excluding the time of his being a prisoner with the British is two years and about 6 months his discharge was destroyed by the British Soldiers in the Town of Petersburg Virginia soon after he obtained it, but the services rendered is proved by the affidavit of David Street [pension application W6164] and Dudley Callaway [S39282] who were regular soldiers with him in the Revolutionary War. That he resided in the County of Albemarle when he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776. After his discharge from the said service in the year 1778 He resided for some time in the Town of Petersburg Virginia. He now resides and has lived in the County of Pittsylvania for about fifty years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed te day and year aforesaid
William hisXmark Dews

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To the honourable the Speaker & Members of the general Assembly of Virginia.

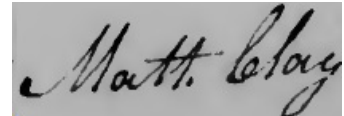
The petition of William Dews humbly sheweth that he inlisted as a common soldier in March 1776 in the 9th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment for 2 years And was taken prisoner 4 Oct'r. 1777 at the battle of German Town in which unfortunate situation he continued untill 17 June 1778 when he was exchanged at the white Plains, where he drew all his pay, to that day in the then current paper money, but drew no cloths – Your Petitioner therefore prays for a certificate of his depretiation of pay untill the 17 of June 1778: & also to be paid for the cloths which he ought to have had as a soldier, as he never had it in his power to make an earlier application having been most of his time out of the State & in very indigent circumstances – & as in duty bound will ever pray

William Dews

I do hereby certify that William Dews inlisted as a soldier in the ninth Virginia Regiment for two year sometime in March 1776 & that he continued as such, untill 4 Oct'r. 1777 when he was taken prisoner at the battle of German Town And that I believe he was exchanged about 17 June 1778

Matt Clay Lt. 9 V. Reg't.

[possibly Matthew Clay BLWt456-200]

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

Aud[ito]rs Office 8 Nov. '90

It does not appear from the Register in this office that Wm. Dews has settled his Account of pay & Depreciation

P. Clayton

Nov'r 8th 1790 ref'd to Claims/ depreciation/ reasonable

this claim is not admissible under the Act of Congress of the 10 April 1790

J Howell/ April 25 1792