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Pension Application of John Dill S8326

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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions
Caswell County } October Term AD. 1832

On this the 9th day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices thereof now Sitting, John Dill, a resident of the County of Caswell & State of North Carolina aged near Seventy three 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 7 June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. To Wit That in the spring of the year 1779 this declarant was in the County of Caswell aforesaid drafted as Militiaman for a tour of three months, and marched in the Company Commanded by Capt. Mat'w. Dewit [sic: Matthew DeWitt] and lieutenant George Oldham to Hillsborough in the County of Orange, from thence to Fayetteville near which place they joined Col. Martin's Regiment. from thence they marched to Wilmington. during this March they came upon, Sappins Co & took prisoners a large number of Tories, about Eight hundred as well as this declarant recollects, – from Wilmington they returned to within about a mile of Fayetteville, where they were stationed, though this declarant & his fellow Soldiers Company Captain Dewits Company were drafted for a Tour of three months only. – yet owing to the dangers then threatening the Country they were retained 5 Months. he rec'd no individual discharge, the whole company being discharged at the same time.

This declarant further states that in the month of April or May 1780, (but to the best of his recollection the former month) being again drafted for a three months tour, and set out immediately from the County of Caswell aforesaid, in the Company Commanded by Capt George Oldham & Lieutenant Parks [sic: Robert Park], marched to Hillsborough Orange County N. Carolina and joined Colonel Ramsays [sic: Ambrose Ramsey's] regiment at said Town, and marched thence to Fayetteville from whence they took the line of march towards Wilmington, but before they reached that Town, were ordered to make for Camden So Carolina. on this march they crossed the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River near Anson Court house, thence to Camden So Carolina, and in the month of August was in the battle called Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780, where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated]. in this engagement this declarant was badly wounded by a ball passing through his left shoulder, which totally disabled him for work for a least a year, during the greater part of which time he was occasionally attended by a Physician, in consequence of which he incurred a [two illegible words] – This declarant reached home as well as he recollects in the month September 1780. He thinks that he was on duty in this Tour between four & five months, but as to the precise time it is utterly impossible for him to state. This declarant was born in the County of Kent & State of Delaware removed to the then County of Orange (now Caswell) N. Carolina with his father when a small boy, has lived in said county of Caswell ever since his return from the army of the revolution. he has no record of his age, it was recorded by his father in a family Bible, & where said Bible is he knows not recollects knowing that he was born the 25th of November AD 1759. – The officers of the brigade to which this declarant belonged were Capt. Oldham, Major Nowles [John Nall?], Col. Ramsay & Gen'l. [Richard] Caswell. – this declarant is known to about every man living in his section of the County. he is well known to Col. B. Brown US. Senator from No.Ca., Gen'l. Azariah Graves, Geo W Sin[?], Calvin Graves, John E Brian[?], & many others of the most reputable citizens of his County. he has no documentary evidence of his services, & Elijah Brown [pension application S2403] is the only living witness who in my acquaintance who knows any thing of my service, except Peter Smith who is too infirm to attend Court. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

John hisXmark Dill

State of North Carolina, Caswell County 8th May 1833

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Caswell aforesaid, John Dill who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, & the Consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades.

For nine months I served as a private soldier in the Militia Service of the War of the Revolution, [illegible word] both times. – and for such service I claim a pension. John hisXmark Dill