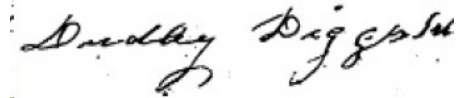


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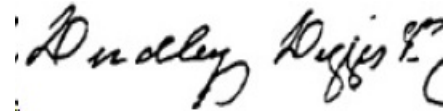
Pension Application of Dudley Digges S8328 VA  
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Received Warrant of fifty dollars in full of my half yearly due 8<sup>th</sup> July last.



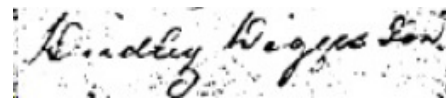
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[\*]reby constitute & appoint my son Cole Digges my lawful [\*]ney to receive in my behalf my half yearly pension of the [\*]itor of publick accounts commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> of July [\*] & ending the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jany last. In testimony whereof [\*]ve hereunto set my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of [\*] 1821



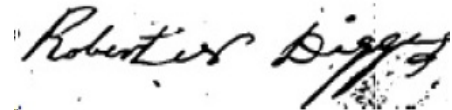
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The above written power of attorney was [\*]d & acknowledged before me a Justice of the Peace [\*] the County afores'd. this 19<sup>th</sup> day Feby 1821



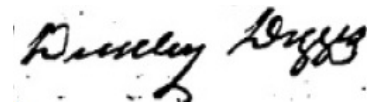
I do appoint Robert N. Diggs as my Attorney to receive my pension due on the eighth of January 1822.  
Given under my hand the 14<sup>th</sup> of January one thousand eight hundred & twenty two.



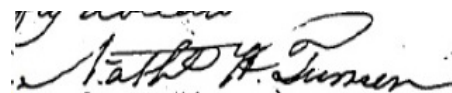
\$50/ Rec'd. a Warrant of fifty dollars this 19 January 1822.  
Robert N Digges



I do hereby appoint Mr Nathaniel H. Turner to receive my pension due on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1823

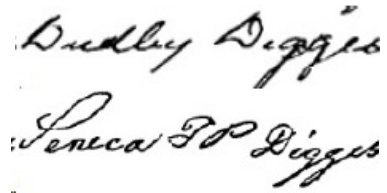


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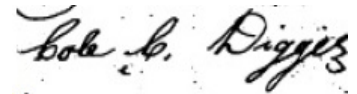
I hereby appoint my son Seneca T. P. Digges to receive my pension due on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1823.

\$50.00 Aud Office 14 July 1823.  
Received a Warrant of Fifty Dollars  
Seneca T P Digges



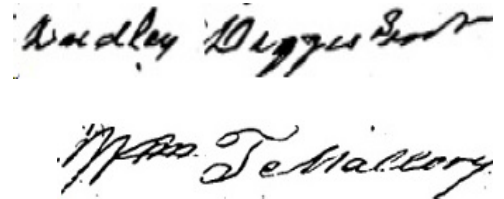
[Power of attorney by Dudley Digges, Sr dated July 1824 mostly missing in online image.]  
\$50.00 Aud'r Office, 10 July 1824

Recd a Warrant of Fifty Dollars Cole C. Digges



I do hereby appoint Wm T Mallory to receive my pension due on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1826

July 12 1826  
Rec'd a Warrant of fifty Dollars

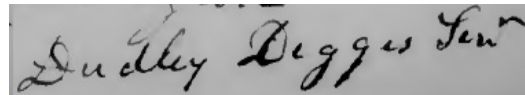


[The state pension file includes other documents similar to the above, the last being a receipt signed on 22 Jan 1827 by William T. Mallory.]

[The following are from [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Louisa County]

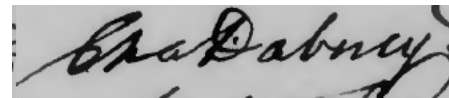
To the Senate and House of Delegates.

Your Petitioner Dudley Digges Sen'r of the County of Louisa honorably represents to ths Assembly that under the act of May session one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine he was appointed a Lieutenant of a Troop of Horse under the command of Maj'r John Nelson that he never became supernumerary [with too few troops for a command], that in seventeen hundred & eighty two he and his brother officers of Maj'r Nelson's Cavalry were transferred to & became a part of Col [Charles] Dabney's Legion & continued therein to the end of the war & the Governor & Council after the news of peace having no further occasion for the State Troops directed your petitioner & Lieut Tinsley [see endnote] to retire on half pay for life. Your Petitioner prays that himself Lieut Tinsley & his brother officers of the same Legion may receive their commutation of five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life. Your Petitioner refers this House to documents that will be laid before the Committee of Claims & appeals to the magnanimity of this House to do him justice as they have done to his brother officers of the same Legion December 11<sup>th</sup> 1826.



Hanover Dec'r 8<sup>th</sup> 1819.

Dudley Diggs Sen'r was a Lieutenant in a Troop of Horse in the Legionary Corps I commanded in the Revolutionary War, and continued in service until the year 1783 and as well as I can recollect retired as a supernumerary officer after the preliminary articles of peace was signed between the Country and Great Britain [15 Apr 1783]. [Charles Dabney] Lt Col State Legion



Hanover Dec'r 8<sup>th</sup> 1819. Dudley Diggs Sen'r is now old and decrepit, and is in need of pecuniary assistance

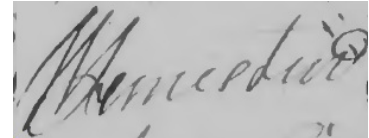


I do certify that Dudley Digges Sen'r entered the Cavalry as an officer on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1779 in the State service that he acted as Lieutenant of Cavalry and joined the Southern army in the year 1780 under the command of Colo. Charles Porterfield and there served under Colo. William Washington and returned to the State of Virginia before the siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – that he served during the whole siege and was afterwards attached to Colo. Charles Dabneys Legion and served until the Spring 1783 in which he continued until he was discharged by the order of the Government. given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> of Decem'r in the year of our Lord 1819.

Witness/ Wm. Munford

[William Armistead Sen R12155]

Late Capt 2/ Troop S Cavalry/ 1783



[The following are from the federal pension file.]

Buckingham County Virginia October the 4, 1832

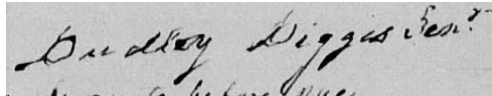
I do certify that I am and have been acquainted with Lieutenant Dudley Digges Senior between Forty and Fifty years ago, that he has resided more That Thirty Years in the County of Louisa, that he is of a Respectable Family that he lives near his Relation Colo Dudley Digges Jun'r. I paid him a visit between Five & Six ago in Louisa, that he was then very infirm with the Rheumatism so much so that he was unable to help his worthy wife & children. he was a Lieutenant of Cavalry and under the command of Major John Nelson in 1779. I understood he with the other Troopers in 1780 were ordered to the South, that he continued under Major Nelson untill 1782 when he with other Officers were annexed to Lieutent Colo Charls Dabney's Legion, that he continued in Actual Service from 1779 till the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1783 when he became Supernumary Officer and in the same Month and Year, the Executive directed that Lieut Digges & others of Colo Charles Dabneys Legion, should retire on half pay, that in 1791 Lieutenant Digges obtained a Judgment against this Common Wealth for his half pay which was reversed by the State Court of Appeals, be cause he did not continue to Command on the 22 of April 1783. That in 1827 The Assembly allowed him about \$1212 dollars. He is Reported by Leit C. Dabney as one, who was Intitled to half pay. The Copy of the Record & the sum he Received are in possession of the Treasury Department of the United States. I know the present Applicant is the same Identical Person who is entitled to a pension under the Act of June 7 1832

[page torn] DuVal [William DuVal S8362] a Captain in the [page torn]onary War & Counsel for [page torn]

Virginia Louisa County to wit

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of October 1832 Lieutenant Dudley Digges of the Cavalry an old revolutionary officer aged 73 years who is too infirm to attend the County Court of Louisa made oath before me on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was born as he has been told in the County of York in the state aforesaid and that he has resided in the County of Louisa from the year 1791 to the present day, that he is very infirm, that he entered into the regular state service of Virginia as a Lieutenant of Cavalry under the command of Major John Nelson, who commanded three Troops of Cavalry in 1779. That in 1780 they were ordered to the help of our sister state South Carolina, that he continued in actual service more than two years, that in February 1782 the Cavalry were annexed to Lieutenant Colo Charles Dabney's legion, that he continued to serve his country and to command as a Lieutenant of Cavalry in Colo Dabney's said legion more than two months after the signing [sic: drafting] of the Preliminary articles of peace between Great Britain and the United States which was said to have been done at Paris on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1782 that he was a supernumerary officer in February 1783 and about the 20<sup>th</sup> of February

1783 the Executive of this state directed as he has been well informed that he and other supernumerary officers of L Colo Charles Dabneys legion should retire on half pay for life that he is the same identical Dudley Digges that he was reported by the board of officers which sat in Richmond as one of the meritorious officers in 1782 and also in the report of Lieutenant Colo Charles Dabney in 1783 which reports are in the possession as a copy thereof in the War or Treasury Department at Washington as he has been informed and he also declares that he continued in the actual service of the country as a Lieutenant aforesaid more than three years and that in 1791 Major William Duval was his council and obtained a judgment in Virginia against the Commonwealth for his half pay or 5 years full pay with interest thereon which was reversed by the Court of Appeals That about 1829 my said Council obtained an act for 5 years full pay the Auditor directing his pension and paid through the Treasury only about 1212 Dollars the report in the department concerning Virginia claims will show the amount that he has now no pension and that he releases all and every pension except the pension he may be entitled to under the act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. He also refers to the certificates of James E. Heath auditor of Virginia and Major William Duval an old revolutionary officer who has known him between forty and fifty years which are hereto annexed and also to the affidavit of Colo Dudley Digges Jr his relation and neighbour residing in the said County of Louisa. And he also request that his pension certificate and warrant for the same may be paid to his Grand son Edward Turner at the Branch Bank of the United States in the City of Richmond as the most convenient place.

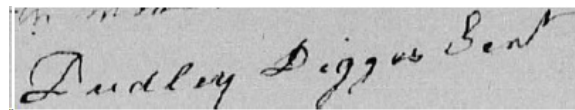


On this the 23 day of October 1832 Dudley Digges Jr personally appeared before me and made oath that he has known Lieutenant Dudley Digges from his youth that he was born in the County of York in the state of Virginia and that he is now in the 73<sup>d</sup> year of his age. That he has been afflicted with the rheumatism for upwards of Forty years and for the last two years so much so as to be confined to the house and that he is not able to attend the County Court of Louisa In witness whereof I the said Dudley Digges Jr have this the 23 day of October 1832 set my hand and seal

Sir                      Louisa County Dec'r. 26<sup>th</sup> 1832 Va

I see from the pension act granted the Officers by Congress there is much difficulty to obtain their claims which has cost me much trouble. You will receive a certificate from my old friend Major Wm Duval a Captain of the Revolutionary Army, also one from Colo Dudley Digges Jr of high and respectable standing in life, and one from Mr. Heath the Auditor at Richmond which I hope may be sufficient to establish my claim. I serv'd from the beginning of 1777 in the militia and as a Volunteer in the Cavalry occasionally until I obtained a Commission as Lieutenant of the Cavalry from the Executive of Virginia in the year 1779 and served to the end of the War. I have been afflicted with the Rheumatism forty eight years. I have an aged wife & children and the pension will add greatly to our Support.

I have the Honor to be with the highest Respect/ Yr. most Obed't Ser't



NOTES:

In the pension application of Samuel Tinsley S6243 is a list of officers of the State Legion showing that "Dudley Digges Lieutenant" and "Samuel Tinsley Cornet" were both "Deranged 8<sup>th</sup> 1783." The month, February, was omitted.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of Dudley Digges received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 16 July 1842. A letter from the Pension Office dated 3 Aug 1844 states that Edward Turner, administrator of Dudley Digges who died on 18 July 1842, was entitled to half pay under the act of 5 July 1832 in addition to his pension under the act of 7

June 1832. A letter dated 23 Apr 1850 states that “Capt. Dudley Diggs” died in Chariton County MO, and his son, Seneca T. P. Digges, was administrator of the estate. The letter alleges that Edward Turner of Goochland County VA was not recognized as administrator by the heirs and had fraudulently withdrawn pension money.

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Addendum to Dudley Digges S8328

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[A document in [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) dated 15 July 1844 certifies that Edward Turner qualified as Administrator of Dudley Digges, Sr. in Goochland County.]