

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Dixon S8330

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State of Virginia Franklin County to wit

On this 31 Day of August 1832 personally appeared Before me George Turner a Justice of the peace for said County and as such a member of the County Court of Franklin the same being a Court of Record Nathaniel Dixon a Resident of the County aforesd and State aforesaid aged ninety 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<sup>th</sup> June 1832, Sayeth that he was born in the state of Connecticut 1741 as his parents told him, But no record in writing [illegible word] – That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated Entered the Servis under Captain Charles Allen of prince edward County Virginia a Volenteer, and Served three months at hampton and shortly after served seven months at norfolk and some Time after served Two months at Richmond & about there and then moved to Franklin County [formed from Henry and Bedford counties in 1786] where he now Lives & was Cald out By Draft under Capt. Oen Ruble [sic: Owen Rubell of Henry County] and served three months at Little york at the taking of Wallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] But Cant Recolect the names of the Regular officers that had the Command where he served nor the Regiments he was attached to But Believes that he was carried to norfolk to keep of Dunmore [see endnote] and that he never Received any Discharge from no person for any of his Touers of Servis He hearby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present and Declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the agency of any State

Nathaniel Dixon

State of Virginia Franklin County to wit

On this 18 day of February 1833 personally appeared before me George Turner a justice of the peace for said County and as such a member of the County Court of Franklin the same being a court of record Nathaniel Dixon a resident of the County aforesaid aged ninety years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That entered the service under the following named officers and served in the army of the United States as herein after stated. That being a resident of County of Prince Edward in Virginia he entered the service as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt Charles Allen and marched to Hampton where he continued to serve for three months. he does not now recollect the year of said service. his term having expired he was discharged and returned home where he remained sometime and was again called into service and marched under the same Capt Allen to Norfolk where he was attached to a regiment commanded as well as he now recollects by Colo Meridith [sic: Meredith] where he remained in service for seven months he believes. he is certain that he served at that time at least six months. he was discharged and some time after again entered the service and served two months at and in the neighbourhood of Richmond. he does not now recollect the name of his officer nor the date either of this or his previous tours. after this he removed to what is now the County of Franklin (being then a part of Henry Cty) about the year 1780. It being said that Cornwallis was marching through the Carolinas to Virginia he was called into service as a minute man under Capt Owen Roubles, and marched to Henry Old Court house to watch the enemy where he remained for two weeks when it being ascertained that Cornwallis had passed lower down [i.e. farther east, in May 1781], the company was discharged & he returned home. After this he was called again into service the year his want of memory will not permit him to state & marched under the same Capt Owen Roubles & served a tour of three months. he says remained at Little York and served there during the siege until the enemy surrendered. after the surrender he returned home having received permission to do so. and on the return of Capt Rouble received a

discharge which he says he has lost– He states that when at Little York he remembers to have known one Major Boyer [sic: probably Col. William Bowyer]. That this is impressed on his memory from a high opinion which he conceived of Major Boyer’s courage– he cannot now state his regiment, nor can he state further particulars. He states that from his extreme old age his memory has in a great degree failed him as to particulars, and he cannot having due regard to truth state any thing which he does not recollect distinctly He states further that he was born as he was informed by his parents in Connecticut about the year 1741[?], but they removed with him when in his infancy to Maryland. that he afterwards removed to Prince Edward in Virginia where he lived about six years & then about fifty years or more ago removed to Franklin which was then a part of the County of Henry where he has continued to reside ever since. He says he does not know any person living Except Daniel Prilliman by whom he can prove any of his services. & that he is acquainted with & known to the said Daniel Prilliman, the Honb’l Fleming Saunders judge of the Superior Court of this district, Major Saml Saunders, Jacob Prilliman, George Turner Esqr of the County of Franklin and many others. He says he has no register of his age.

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 the agency of any state, and if any only on that of the State of Virginia.

Nathaniel Dixon

NOTES:

Military action against Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, began about April 1775 and resulted in his taking refuge aboard a ship off Norfolk. Dunmore burned Norfolk on 1 Jan 1776. On 10 July 1776 Patriots successfully attacked Dunmore’s headquarters on Gwynn Island, and he finally left for England on 7 Aug of that year.

A Treasury document dated 10 Nov 1840 acknowledges payment of half a pension to “one of two child’n of Nathaniel Dixon” from the “4<sup>th</sup> of March to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1839. the day of his death.”