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Pension application of Andrew Donnell (Donnel) S8347

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North Carolina Guilford County: County Court August Term A.D. 1832

On this 23rd day of August, personally appeared in Open court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting the said being a court of record Andrew Donnell a resident of the United States in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina aged seventy-five years of age, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated -- to wit -- that he was drafted in or about the year 1777 in the company of Captain Bell and was marched to the County of Cumberland not far from Fayetteville -- that with Companies from many of the Western Counties he assisted (serving in Bell's company) to scour the swamps and drive the Tories out of them -- that some of the Tories were taken prisoners -- others killed and all were routed from the swamps that General Davidson and Colonel Martin he believes likewise commanded -- that he was discharged in Fayetteville and returned home after being out two months -- that he has lost his memory to a great extent and does not recollect the time to his own satisfaction -- that he is very much afflicted with the palsy, but forms his opinion from the distance and stay at several places after he arrived near the swamps -- that after he returned from Fayetteville he was again drafted in the company of Captain Stewart & marched to Wilmington to assist in confining the British and Tories to the town -- that his memory will not enable him to say how long from the end of the tour to Fayetteville to the commencement of this Tour -- that after he arrived in the neighborhood of Wilmington he was engaged with his company in checking the ravages of the Tories and British, who were sent out in parties from the town to pillage the Country that for this tour he was drafted for three months -- that he staid all this time & is satisfied of this fact: for he recollects that some of his company became dissatisfied from the impression that they were kept by their officers Colonel Martin and General Rutherford more than three months and went home before they were discharged but that he continued until he was discharged with all his company at the forks of the North East River where there was a bridge over the River 10 miles from Wilmington -- that when he came over Haw River Captain Stewart permitted him and all his men who were then with him to return home -- that knows it was in the fall of the year when he was at Wilmington -- that it was towards the latter part of the war and believes it to have been in 1780 or 1781 -- that in addition to the above stated tours he was out on many short expeditions against the Tories down the Country and often down into the high hills of Randolph County not far from Cox's Mill and consumed in these several months -- that he has put the time consumed in the tour to Fayetteville at two months in order to be safe and careful but from the fact that the custom in drafting when a

draft took place, was to draft them for three months he does not know whether he was not kept on service longer than two months -- that at the commencement of the war he was young, but always stood ready at the many calls of his Country for which he has never received the first cent -- that he was born in the County of Guilford and has always lived in the same -- that he has a record of his age given to him by his father, -- that he knows of Daniel Donnell¹ and John Montgomery² who can testify from their personal knowledge to his aforesaid services -- that he does not recollect whether he was discharged in writing or by word but has not now any documentary evidence of his services -- that Reverend Eli W. Caruthers and Reverend William Paisley, and David Woodburn Esquire are known to him and can and are willing to testify to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and to his character for veracity.

He hereby relinquishes [every] claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

Test: S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

S/ Andrew Donnell

John Montgomery in open court on his oath saith that he went from that County of Guilford to the neighborhood of Wilmington with Andrew Donnell who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and knows of his own personal knowledge of his being in the company of Captain Stewart and serving the time stated in his declaration which he has heard read; and believes from what he has heard that he served many other tours as he has stated.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ John Montgomery

Joseph Denny³ saith on his oath and Open Court that he was a revolutionary soldier and knows of Andrew Donnell having served on various expeditions during the revolutionary war.
Subscribed and sworn to and open court

S/ Joseph Denny

Daniel Donnell maketh oath that he saw Andrew Donnell in the company of Captain Bell in the tour mentioned in his declaration down the country to Fayetteville.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ Daniel Donnell

[William Paisley, a clergyman, and David Woodburn gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Guilford County: County Court February Term A.D. 1833

On this 20th day of February personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting the same being a court of record Andrew Donnell a resident of the United States and in the County and State aforesaid aged 75 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 June 7th A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated -- to wit -- that he was drafted in or about the year 1777 in the company of Captain Bell and was marched to the County of Cumberland near Fayetteville -- that with Companies from the Western part of the State he there assisted to scour the swamps and drive the Tories from them that General Davidson and he believes Colonel James Martin were commanders -- that he was discharged in Fayetteville and returned home after being out not less than two months -- that

¹ FPA S8351

² FPA S9042

³ [Joseph Denny S8323](#)

after he returned from Fayetteville he was again drafted in the company of Captain Stewart and marched to Wilmington to assist in confining the Tories and British to the town -- that his memory will not enable him to say how long it was from his Fayetteville to his Wilmington trip but that it was some time -- that after he arrived in the neighborhood of Wilmington having marched down the Cape Fear River he was engaged with Captain Stewart and under Colonel Martin and General Rutherford in checking the ravages of the Tories and British, who were sent out in parties from the town to pillage the country -- that he with Captain Stewart's company was discharged at the forks of the North East River -- that he marched on his way home with his company and was discharged near Haw River -- that in this tour he served not less than three months -- that it was in the fall of 1780 or 1781 -- that during the war he was out on various other short tours after the Tories, down the Country in the County of Randolph among the Caraway mountains after one Colonel Fanning a Tory -- that in these he consumed several months, sometimes out a few days and sometimes weeks -- that from the commencement to the end of the Revolutionary war he stood ready at every call of his Country -- that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he is unable to state the precise length of his service but that he must have served not less than seven months as a private drafted as stated above and in many many small tours a volunteer -- that he always commenced his services from Guilford that he was born and always lived in the County of Guilford -- that he has a record of his age given to him by his father -- that he knows of John Montgomery & Daniel Donnell who can from their personal knowledge testify to his services -- that he has no documentary evidence of his services -- that James Gray & William Paisley are known to him and can and are willing to testify to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and to his character for veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And this affiant further states that at August Term last of his County Court he filed a declaration in substance the same with the above and has since been informed by his representative in Congress the Honorable AH Shepherd that he has recently salt for it at the war department but could not find it and least it might be mislaid he is advised to have this forwarded.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

S/ Andrew Donnell

[William Paisley, a clergyman and James Gray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]