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Pension application of Daniel Donnell S8351

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

On this 24th day of August personally appeared in Open Court, before the justices of our Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting, the same being a court of record, Daniel Donnell aged 76 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 of the United States, under the following named Officers and served as herein stated (to wit) That in the year 1776 or 1777 he was drafted in the company of Captain Bell and went after the Tories down to Fayetteville, in Cumberland County and after scattering the Tories in driving them from the swamps killing some and taking others prisoners he was discharged not far from Fayetteville, then called Cross Creek, that he started in February and was gone some time, but knows not the precise time, but one month or perhaps more, that after being at home a few months he volunteered in the company of Captain Gillespie, and was marched by him and Colonel Paisley, down towards Carraway Mountains after Tories & took many of them and put them in the Jail in Hillsboro that in doing this he must have been out near one month. That this was in the summer, that in the winter following he went a volunteer in the same company after Colonel Fanning a Tory encamped in the same aforesaid mountains -- That Fanning evaded the Company that in this trip he was gone near a month, that after some time perhaps in the spring of 1780 he went with the same company as named with its officers above, up to the Yadkin River after Colonel Brian [Bryan] a Tory but Brian was put to flight before their arrival; That he was marched in pursuit, and taken down to the Junction of this River, with the Euharree [sic, Uwharrie River ?], when his officers determined to return home that in this rout he was gone some weeks near a month, that in the latter part of 1780, he was marched a volunteer in the said company out to Mecklenburg County, that other companies were marched along with him, that he was a horseman, and had for his chief commander General Davie, that he was sent thence with the horse troops to watch the movements of the enemy (the British) marching beyond Charlotte, near the Catawba River; that his brother-in-law Joseph Erwin, who was with the troops was taken very sick, whom by permission of his officers he brought home, and returned again and joined the Army near Rocky River in Mecklenburg County, that shortly after he and his company were dismissed, and returned home to Guilford completing a three months tour, for which he had volunteered; That he recollects of being once sent a particular trip during the war to Hillsboro in addition to the above named tours, to take provisions for which his Captain considered him serving and was gone two weeks, that he took many other short tours but his memory having become very much impaired from age he is unable to give them now any definite or particular Account, That he was born in Chester County Pennsylvania, but was raised

in York County in the same State, and moved when about 18 years old with his father to Guilford County North Carolina, where he has ever since lived that his name is recorded in his father's family Bible which is in his Brother's house, that he is known to the Reverend Eli W. Caruthers, Doctor John A. Mebane, Joseph Denny, Colonel James Denney and in short to all his neighbors, who can & will at any and all times testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution: that Andrew Donnell is the only person living who knows personally of any of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court

S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

S/ Daniel Donnell

Andrew Donnell¹ maketh oath in open court that he was a revolutionary soldier, and saw Daniel Donnell, in Captain Bill's company, in Cumberland County near Fayetteville and knows from his own personal knowledge that he served as he states.

Sworn & subscribed in open court

S/ Andrew Donnell

S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

[Eli W. Caruthers, a clergyman and Colonel John M. Logan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Guilford County

Be it known that on the 29th day of January A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me George Nicks an acting Justice in and for the County of Guilford Daniel Donnell mentioned in the preceding declaration who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit amendatory to his preceding Declaration, to wit, that his memory has greatly failed him -- that there are many other short trips or tours which he made during the revolutionary war, that are not mentioned in his declaration and that in all he must have done service at the least and not less than eight months that he served as a private, some times drafted and sometimes a volunteer -- that Andrew Donnell is a very old man, did serve with him and thus became acquainted with his services -- that he is acquainted with Reverend William Paisley, who has lived much in Guilford, and who can and is willing to testify to his character for truth and his belief of his services, that he is likewise known to the Honorable AH Shepherd.

S/ George Nicks, JP

S/ Daniel Donnell

[William Paisley, a clergyman, George Spruce & Major Robert Donnell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ FPA S8347