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Pension application of William Dollar S8355

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 31st day of May A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, it being a Court of record & now sitting, William Dollar, of the County & State aforesaid, aged 70 years, as he believes, 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 stated.

The declarant was drafted as a private in the militia of NC for some certain Term of service, but for what term he cannot remember for his life. He was drafted in Orange County NC in the year 1780, as he believes; and was attached to a Company, commanded by Captain Abram Allen, who was Captain of a Company of Light Horse. Captain Allen conducted declarant about a days ride from Hillsboro NC into the edge of the State of Virginia into Pittsylvania County, Virginia, as he believes, & placed them in a Blacksmith's shop in that County to work at the business of a Blacksmith for the benefit of the United States -- the declarant being a Blacksmith by trade. The declarant was to work at that business during the term of eight months which he had been drafted as he supposes & in lieu of service in the ranks. The declarant did work eight months as a Blacksmith under the engagement aforesaid for the United States, in Pittsylvania aforesaid with an uncle of the Declarant's, by the name of Ambrose Dollar = in making hoes, axes, mattocks, [indecipherable word, looks like "ironing"] Waggon & forging chains &c for the use of the Army. After having faithfully labored as aforesaid for eight months, the declarant returned home, & was not engaged further in the service of the United States. He did not receive a written discharge. He was not acquainted with any of the officers of the Army, except Captain Allen aforesaid and Colonel Lytle of Hillsboro: he hath no documentary evidence of his service - - nor can he prove the service aforesaid except by his Brother Elijah Dollar¹; -- his own oath & reputation of his neighborhood, & the credibility of his character. --

He was born in Orange County on Eno River in North Carolina in the year 1762, as he supposes. He hath no record of his age. He was living in Orange aforesaid when he was drafted, & hath ever since resided there. He is known to John Reilly and Benjamin Carrol who reside in his County & neighborhood. 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. The declarant hath honestly endeavored to procure the attendance of a clergyman to testify to his character, but have failed to do so & cannot now do so.

¹ [Elijah Dollar W17729](#)

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ J. Taylor, CC

S/ William Dollar, X his mark

[John Reilly and Benjamin Carrol gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Make Term 1833

Elijah Dollar personally appeared in open Court & being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement: viz.: That he is an elder Brother of William Dollar, who hath subscribed the declaration to which this Affidavit is appended, made for the purpose of obtaining a Pension from the Government of the United States; that he remembers, after he had performed a tour of five months military service in the Revolutionary War, in the South -- & returned home -- he made a visit to the State of Virginia, to see his aforesaid Brother William -- whom he found engaged in the business of a Blacksmith for the Army of the United States -- and that it was understood & reputed in the neighborhood where Affiant & his Brother were raised, that the said William was a Blacksmith, in Virginia for the United States, eight months -- and this Affiant knows that said William was absent from home eight months at that time, & he never has doubted but that he was during that time engaged in the business which Affiant found him in, at the time of his visit aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ J. Taylor, CC

S/ Elijah Dollar

[veteran was still living in 1850 when a lawyer wrote a letter inquiring about the possibility of obtaining an increase in his pension.]