

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Dunnivant S8365

VA

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State of Virginia Nottoway County to wit.

On this 7 day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the County court of the s'd County now sitting William Dunnivant a resident of the said county aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he was drafted in the service of the united states in the year 1777 with Capt. Paulin Anderson and served a tour of seven weeks under the s'd. Anderson at Williamsburg & Hampton, he afterwards served a tour of seven weeks under Capt [John] Dennis at Petersburg, he also afterward serv'd. two tour's of three months under Capt W. Finney [William Finney] at Richmond, Petersburg, meadow bridges [Meadow Bridge on Chickahominy River near present Mechanicsville] and Wilton [now in Richmond] on James river, and in one of these tours was pursued by the british up Js. river to point of fork on s'd. river [at the confluence with Rivanna River] and Albamarle [sic: Albemarle] Mountain – he also positively declares that he served another short tour of nine weeks under Capt Morecock & Major Decloman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] at Morbin Hills [sic: malvern Hills] and Wilton – he also positively declares that he was drafted at Amelia court house Va. under orders from Col Greene [sic: Abraham Green] who commanded the Amelia Regiment, to serve for the period of two years [see endnote], he with others was ordered to join the main army then in winter quarters at Chesterfield C House Va. which they did, he positively declares that he served in this tour for the period of five months under Capt Lovelace a regular officer – then furnished a substitute by the name of Robertson and paid the s'd. Robertson three or four thousand pounds continental money to finish out his tour, and was discharged by Colonel Davis [sic: William Davies] near chesterfield court house Va. his discharge he has lost – he also positively declares that he was at the surrender of Corn Wallis at York Town in Va. [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and served in this tour under Capt. Morecock for the period of seven weeks.

That he has no documentary evidence of his above stated services, that he was born as he believes on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1760. that he has no register of his age made by his father, that he was born in Amelia county, State of Virginia and has always resided in Amelia & Nottoway Counties, and now resides in the latter. That Thomas Richardson a clergyman, to whom he is known in his neighborhood and John G. Jones can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – 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 or agency of any state Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

William hisXmark Dunnivant

NOTE: Drafts from the Virginia Militia into Continental service were for 18 months.