

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Duncan S8373

VA

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State of Virginia }
Floyd County } SS.

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices for Floyd County now sitting in Open Court John Duncan a resident of said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the U States and served under the following named Officers as herein stated. He is aged 91 he was drafted in Fauquier in the State of Va under Capt. Chinn [sic: John Chunn]. then served the term of one year and marched through Maryland & Pennsylvania. His Major was Edmundson. the other officers he has forgotten. He has forgotten what Regiment he belonged to having lost all his papers. He next enlisted under Capt Abram Trigg and [Joseph] Cloyd was his Major in the County of Montgomery and was marched to the Shallow Ford [of the Yadkin River in North Carolina] where we had an engagement with the Tories [14 Oct 1780] he has forgotten the names of the other Officers. after this he was discharged and returned home, and his papers were all burnt so that he has none to show. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatsoever, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John Duncan

Floyd county & state of Virginia

On this day being the 18 of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the peace for Floyd county John Duncan for the purpose of amending his declaration heretofore made for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and on oath makes the following statement. His first tower was as stated in his declaration for one year and the applicant cannot recollect the year but thinks it was the second year after the revolution began probably in the year of 1778. But of this he is not certain as his extreme age and consequent Loss of Memory has obliterated the recollection of the time. He now recollect that his Colo was Elias Edmund's or Edmundson [Elias Edmonds] and the Major was of the same name. he was in no action during the time which was as before stated for an entire year. after the applicant returned from this tower he removed the next year to Montgomery County now Floyd and after being here a short time he was called out as a minuet man [Minute Man] by Colo William Preston and Capt's Cloyd & Trigg as before stated. he was marched to the relief of Colo Wm Campbell at King's Mountain [William Campbell, Battle of Kings Mountain SC, 7 Oct 1780] but did not arrive untill the day after the action and was marched to the shallow ford of the Yadkin river under the above named officers. Capt Cloyd having been as he thinks promoted to Major. this tower embraced more than two months but he claims but for two and is certain that it was that long. He then returned to Montgomery County and has resided here ever since. The county having been divided and he is now in Floyd.

John Duncan

The court doth certify that there is no cleryman [clergyman] who resides in the neighbourhood of the appliat and is the reason why he did not have the certificate of one to his former declaration.