

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Drummond S8376 VA
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Declaration of John Drummond Sen'r.

State of Virginia this the 4th day of June 1833. Personally appeared before me John F. Riley a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Accomack aged Eighty seven years and seven months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to have the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he Volunteered in a company attached to the Militia Sept 1775 first and chosed Southy Simpson [or Southey Simpson, pension application W6303] for their Capt and in 1776 Simpson was appointed Col. of the 2^d Reigment then the Company was commanded by Thomas Bayly first and next by William Riley and last by John Custis to the end of the war, we were called on duty several times from the time we first Raised the Company before the Declaration of Independance and then he kept guard in the Company at its regular Towers [tours] to the end of the war. I went on guard July 1776 the first time at Onancock Creek and the next at doe Creek and kept a Tower of three weeks at each place. Four times that year the Company was divided sometime and I was mostly stationed on Doe Creek & Onancock Creek and kept Three Towers on Onancock Creek & Three Towers on Doe Creek four weeks each, and in each and every year to the end of the war of the Revolution as Sergeant in the said Company from the first time I was on duty to the end of the war, but the precise length of each Tower except our regular Towers of keeping guard he cannot say having no records of the time, he has been marched into Northampton County three times to oppose the landing of the enemy, and had an engagement with the enemy on board their Barges in Onancock Creek and has been marched from one end of the County to the other, to oppose the landing of the enemy, and had another engagement on Onancock Creek with three Privateteers that came in after the Boat liberty Commanded Capt Britton [sic: James Barron W12264] and he run her onshore and left her with all his crew and the Militia retook her the same day. Col. [George] Corbin Commanded the Mllitia we had one man killed and he was up the Bay in Maryland as far as Hoopers Straits [Hooper Strait] with thirty two Boats & canoes Commanded by Col. Corbin in quest of some Barges that had been taking some vessels in the Tangier Sound and retook a Schooner, and another time in Maryland as far as Salisbury to quell the Tories that had incamped there but they fled and he is confident that he was on duty thr[ee] years during the war of Revolution for he knows after the war was over some of the Company would say that he did duty three years, some three years and three months for some came in in 1777 but those that joined in 1775 said they served three years and six months and on Alarms, guards & marches he served as long as above stated but the precise length of services except the Regular Towers of keeping guard he cannot say as he has no record of the time the Company was attached to the 2^d Reigment of Virginia Militia Commanded by Col. [Selby] Simpson till his death then by Col. Corbin to the end of the war. 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 whatever

I was Born in the County of Accomack & state of Virginia November the 5th 1745 I have my age set down in my Bible – I lived in the County of Accomack and state of Virginia and have lived there ever since and still live in said County. I Volunteered in a company commanded by Southy Simpson and after the Declaration of Independance by Thomas Bayly then by William Riley last by John Custis till the end of the war – the company was attached to the 2^d Reigment Commanded by Col. Corbin till the end of the war. we mustered with Capt [John] Cropper and Capt Sneads [Thomas Snead's] Company at the Court House before they marched to the north. they were attached to the 9th Reigment on continental establishment. I kept guard in the County of Accomack and was marched into Northampton County and into Maryland as stated above and never Received a discharge for there was none given but we had a Day of Rejoicing at the Court House when the war was over and I mustered in the Company after the war was over

I am known by Capt Sam'l. Maples, Robert Russell Thomas Cropper Col. Bayly, Henry Fletcher Esq'r.
and Thomas C Dellastatious John hisXmark Drummond Sen'r

[John Drummond died in June 1833 before receiving his pension. His widow died some time before 17 Feb 1851, when Nancy Drummond, Patience Marshel (or Marshall), and Sophia White assigned power of attorney to James B. White to pursue the claim of their father.]

The deposition of Custis Bull [pension application S18338] a Revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner aged 90 years who being first duly sworn deposeth that he was well acquainted with John Drummond Sr. who served in the County of Accomack in the Revolutionary war on Military duty, and did as nearly all the Men of the County of his age serve throughout the whole war at different times, the precise period he served he cannot tell, but he has no doubt he served full Two years on Military duty and died in the County of Accomack some years ago. he was the Father of the late Col. John P. Drummond.

Given under my hand this 7th day of April 1851. Custis hisXmark Bull