

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Dunkley S9331

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Virginia, to wit

On this 23rd day of October 1832, Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, Moses Dunkley a resident of the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia, aged seventy-three 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, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States being drafted in the month of February or March 1780 and marched from the County of Halifax in a company of drafted Militia which was commanded by Capt. Fontaine we united with Capt. Paul Watlington's company from the said County at Boyd's ferry on Dan River in the said County of Halifax where we remained for some time, then marched to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina where we united with the Militia from other Counties in Virginia and Maryland, a number of Regular troops were also stationed at that place. I was detached to go with Capt. Fontaine and others into the adjacent Country to procure provisions &c for the Army we were engaged in thrashing and cleaning wheat until the Army left Hillsboro and marched on to Camden in South Carolina, about this time I was taken sick and sent to the Hospital at Hillsboro where I stayed for some time and not being able to perform Military service was furloughed about the last of July or first of August, and came home I remained in this situation not able to do Military service until our term of service being for six months expired the Company to which I was attached being discharged. I did not join the Army again on that tour consequently I never received a written discharge, my furlough is lost, but the service rendered is proven by Richard Throckmorton<sup>1</sup> who was a soldier in the same Service with me at Hillsboro some time in the winter 1781, I was ordered to guard a parcel of British Prisoners at Halifax Court house, I acted as such a week or two, and then marched as a guard with the said Prisoners under the command of Daniel Roberts, and Sgt. William Abbott,<sup>2</sup> to the green Mountain in the County of Albemarle, where we delivered the said Prisoners to Col. Cole and were discharged, whole time of service rendered in this tour was about five weeks, my discharge is lost but the Service rendered is proved by William Abbott who acted as Sgt. with me on that tour, I was born the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia the 3rd day of December 1758. My age was recorded in my father's family Bible an extract of which is now in my possession I lived in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia when I entered the service of the Revolution. I lived in that County when the war ended and have lived in that County ever since.

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<sup>1</sup> [Richard Throckmorton S6212](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Abbott W5616](#)

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Moses Dunkley<sup>3</sup>

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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I Richard Throckmorton of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and Solemnly swear that Moses Dunkley of said County was a Revolutionary Soldier, that I was a Soldier and performed a tour of 6 months service in the southern Army, and that I saw the said Moses Dunkley and the said Army at Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina in the year 1780. Given under my hand this 23rd day of October 1832.

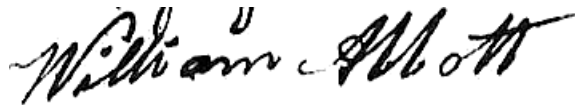
S/ Richard Throckmorton, X his mark

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I William Abbott of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia, do hereby certify, and solemnly swear, that in the Spring of 1781 I was detailed as a guard to go, with some British Prisoners from Halifax Court House, to the barracks in Albemarle County Virginia, that I acted on that tour as a Sgt. under Daniel Roberts who was made Capt. Pro tem for the purpose of Commanding the said Guard, I further Certify that Moses Dunkly [sic] of the said County of Halifax was a guard to the said Prisoners at Halifax Court House, and marched as such with us to the Greene Mountain in Albemarle County Virginia.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of October 1832

S/ William Abbott



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State of Virginia Halifax County, to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Halifax and State aforesaid Moses Dunkley who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot Swear positively as to the precise length of his Service, (or to the day when he entered the service), but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than Six months and five days as a private in the Army of the revolution, to wit, five months with Capt. Fountain [sic] exclusive of the time of his furlough as stated in his declaration, five weeks under Daniel Roberts ordered to guard British soldiers taken as prisoners, for which I claim a pension, that he served with an embodied Corps called into Service by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Camp or on duty or sick in Hospital (& for the time during which the Service was performed) he was not employed in any Civil pursuit.

Given under my hand and seal this 24th June 1833

S/ W. Bailey

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 5 days in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> Not the actual signature of the veteran in my opinion