

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Etheldred Dance W19148

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State of North Carolina Nash County

On this 24th day of September 1819 before me the ~~subscriber~~ John R. Donnell one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity for the said State, personally appeared Etheldred Dance, aged sixty-nine years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war,"

That he the said Etheldred Dance enlisted for the term of two years and six months sometime in the year 1776 in the County of Edgecombe, in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Gray of the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment, and received the commission of Ensign; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States for the space of two years and six months, when he was discharged from service in the State of North Carolina: that he was in the battles of Sullivan's Island, and after, as a volunteer in that of Guilford; and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that there is no other evidence now in his power but that which accompanies this declaration.

S/ Etheldred Dance, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 24th day of September 1819

S/ M. Donnell, JSL&E

Henry Drury¹ maketh oath that Etheldred Dance was and continued in the service of the United States in the Continental Army in the revolutionary War, as a soldier for the space of twelve months at one time.

S/ Henry Drury

Sworn to before made the 24th of September 1819

S/ M. Donnell, JSL&E

[Joel Terrell and David Ricks gave a supporting affidavit as to the poverty of the applicant.]

Etheldred Dance

Will the Secretary of State of North Carolina be pleased to give the necessary certificate of service of this applicant and send the same with these papers to the War Department Pension Office February fifth 1820

¹ FPA R2096½

The name of Etheldred Dance does not appear on the muster rolls of the North Carolina line
10th of February 1820

S/ Wm Hill, Secy.

[fn p. 55]

Raleigh 11th of February 1820

The Honorable JC Calhoun

Sir

Since sending away the Declaration of Etheldred Dance, I find on the minutes of the Congress of the 16th April 1776 that he was appointed an Ensign in Captain Gray's Company for Halifax District, but whether he excepted and served or not I am not able to say.

Very respectfully your most obedient servant

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Nash County: On this 15th day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the said County expressly made by the Laws of this State Etheldred Dance aged sixty-nine years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare he served in the revolutionary war as follows (to wit) In Captain John Gray's Company of the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner on the Continental Establishment in the line of the State of North Carolina and that he has received his pension Certificate the No. of which is 16585 and solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that h has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed (to wit) half dozen common chairs one small feather bed and a few plates & dishes that he has no real property that his family consist of himself and wife she is about sixty years of age and is very seldom able to do any kind of work that he is sixty-nine years of age.

Sworn to & declared on in open Court 16th of August 1820

S/ Wm Hall, CC

S/ Etheldred Dance

[fn p. 13: on August four, 1846 in Green County Alabama, Henry Dance, son of Etheldred Dance seeking a pension under the 1838 act stating that he is acting on behalf of himself and other heirs of Etheldred Dance, a pensioner for his services in the revolution as an Ensign at the rate of \$240 per annum; that his father married in Nash County North Carolina some time in 1791 Sarah Woodard; that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of Etheldred Dance who died February four, 1828; that his widow the said Sarah departed this life the 28th day of August 1839; that she remained the widow of Etheldred Dance until her death; that he has no family record showing the date of their marriage.]

[fn p. 14: Attoway R. Davis, Clerk of the Green County, Alabama, court of pleas and quarter sessions entered a finding that Eldridge Dance was a pensioner of the United States, that he was a resident of Nash County in the state of North Carolina and legally married to Sarah Woodard;

that Sarah died a widow on August 28th 1839 survived by two children, both of lawful age, viz. Henry Dance and Rhoda, who intermarried with William H. Talbot.]

[Coleman Woodard, 64, testified on December 24, 1847 in Nash County North Carolina that he is the nephew of Sarah Woodard who married Etheldred Vance, a revolutionary war pensioner; he states that Etheldred and Sarah Dance had three children, Rhoda the oldest is about 55 years old; Henry Dance was their third and youngest child and was born on the 14th of July 1797; that said Henry Dance is only four days younger than the affiant's brother William Woodard who was born July 10, 1797.]

[fn p. 18: Nancy Crickmore, widow of Timothy Crickmore, whose maiden name was Nancy Batchelor, a resident of Nash County, testified December 24, 1847 in Nash County North Carolina testified that her husband kept no record of the births of their children during his lifetime and that she has no family register or documents to prove or marriage but recalls that she was married two days before Christmas which was the 23rd day of December in the year 1792; she recollects that Etheldred and Sarah Dance were living together as man and wife some time prior to her marriage; that her oldest child Catharine Crickmore, if living, would have been 54 years old on the 28th day of August last and that she knows that Rhoda Dance the oldest child of Etheldred and Sarah Dance was born before the birth of her daughter Catharine.]

[fn . 26: Daniel Batchelor, a resident of Nash County North Carolina aged 77 gave testimony on February 21, 1848 that he is the brother of Nancy Batchelor who married Timothy Crickmore; that his (Daniel's) oldest daughter Margaret was born in January 1792; and he is confident that Etheldred and Sarah Dance were married prior to that date.]

[fn p. 28: on February 19, 1849 in Nash County North Carolina Dempsey Morris, 68, testified that he knows that Etheldred Dance and Sarah Woodard were married prior to January one 1794 because he knows they were married prior to that date "from HN the which his father had built in his house in the year 1794, by Thomas Hamilton, who put the date on the chimney when he finished it; and this affiant well knows that the said Etheldred and Sarah Dance had been living together as man and wife as much as two years if not more, when the above named chimney was built."]

[fn p. 48: on December 25, 1847 in Nash County North Carolina, Kiziah Masingale, 68, gave testimony supporting the fact of marriage between Etheldred Dance and Sarah Woodard, said Sarah being the affiant's sister.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that a Warrant for bounty land was issued for the services of Etheldred Dance as an Ensign in the revolutionary war for the term of two and one half years. Said Warrant was issued in the bans to a Resolution of the General assembly of this State on the 11th day of April 1823 and is No. 1098.

Given under my hand this third day of March 1847

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[facts in file: the second child of the veteran and his wife was named James; that child was born about 1794 and was dead prior to 1846.]