

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Philip Drum W2079

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Iredell County } November term 1821

On this 20 day of November personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record now setting Philip Drum a resident of Iredell County State of North Carolina aged 72 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That about the last of May or 1st of June 1780 he was drafted into the service of the United States at the place where he now lives then Rowan and now Iredell County under Captain James Purviance and joined the Corps under General [Griffith] Rutherford at Col Phifers in Mecklenburg County. From thence to Ramsours Mill where he arrived the day after the engagement [20 Jun 1780] & guarded the prisoners taken there to Salisbury - went home on furlough for three weeks and joined the corps again at Salisbury crossed the River at Colsons [Colson's Ferry in Anson County on the Pee Dee River] marched to Cheraw [in SC] and thence towards Camden joined General [Horatio] Gates near Rugelys Mill [Rugeley's Mill], was detached from Rugelys Mill before the battle [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] to reinforce Gen [Thomas] Sumter and was with him when dispersed by Tarlton between fishing Creek & Sands ford [sic: by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, skirmish at Fishing Creek, 18 Aug], and thence returned home having served three months.

He next volunteered to serve under Capt Purviance and Col [Francis] Locke and was engaged with the British Army at [illegible] Creek and served two weeks being encouraged to volunteer for that length upon assurance that if should be counted for a three months tour. this Service was performed in pursuing the trail of Lord Cornwallis army and he was discharged a few days before the battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781].

in October of the same year he was drafted for three months under Capt Thomas Morrison and joined General Rutherford in Rowan County and marched down Cape fear River to the neighbourhood of Wilmington where he was lying when the news was received of Capture of Cornwallis at York Town [19 Oct]. He was born in the State of New York the 2^d day of February 1760 as it is recorded in a Bible in his possessin. He was living where he now lives and where he has lived since the year 1770 at the time he entered the Service. He received written discharges but thought them useless and lost them. He refers to Alexander McKee and Moses Alexander esquire. He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person present whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service. 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

[signed] Philip Drum

NOTE: On 5 Mar 1853 in Alexander County NC Mary Drum, 60, applied for a pension stating that she married Philip Drum on 24 Feb 1820, and he died 21 Dec 1838. On 6 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land, stating that her name before marriage was Mary Warren (last letter not clear).