

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Doshier (Dozier) W22951
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Alley Doshier VA

State of Illinois Ss

Clark County Be it remembered that on this 25th day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Circuit Court in & for the county and state aforesaid now sitting Peter Dozier a resident of the county of Clark and State of Illinois aged 71 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 7 1832 that he Entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say. He was born in the state of Pennsylvania & while a mere child his father's family moved into Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county in the State of Virginia. That he was born on the 2nd day of November A.D. 1762 that he entered the Service of the United in the Spring of the year before he was Nineteen years of age & he thinks in the year A.D. 1781 That he was drafted as a militia man in Shenadoah [sic: Shenandoah] county virginia (in which county he had resided for a year previous to his being drafted) – that he cannot say positively whether he was drafted for four months or for six months but is sure that it was for a period not less than four months Captain Vincent (whose christian name he does not recollect but thinks it was Joseph [Joseph Vincent]) ordered the militia company to which he Dozier belonged to meet at the place of mustering captain Vincent's company at a place called the muster ground on Shenadoah River at which plac he Dozier was Drafted as aforesaid. Ater being drafted he & the other drafted out of Vincent's company rendezvoused at Millerstown [now Woodstock] and from there they all proceeded to rendezvous at one Martin Shank at the foot of the blue ridge. At the foot of the blue ridge they were joined by Captain Thomas Marshall who then took the command of the company to which he Dozier belonged – from the foot of the blue ridge he marched under the command of Captan Marshall & joined the American forces under the command he thinks of General Lee. That the tour just stated was his first tour & that he served it out faithfully that when his tour was out there was a new draft of men joined then & that among those men was one George Wolf with whom he was acquainted in Shenadoah county & that he then served as a substitute for said Wolf for a period of three months –

The court then put the following interoatories to the Applicant to wit –

1st Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. in Pennsylvania in the year 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans. he has none except that which is recorded in his father's family Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into Service" where have you lived since the Revolutionary war? & where do you now live?

Ans. when called into service he was living in Shenadoah county Virginia. he has lived thirty years in Tennessee & he no lived in the County of Clark and State of Illinois where he has lived for 18 months.

3– how were you called into Service? were you drafted Did you volunteer or were you a Substitute & if a Substitute for whom

Ans. these last interrogatories he has answered in the body of his Declaration

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served: Such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Ans. The general circumstances of his Service he has already stated. he was acquainted with the following officers to wit General Lee Gen. Washington Captain Thomas Marshall & that owing to a severe blow on the head which he said Dozer received from the fall of tree somewhere about ten years ago which has almost ruined his memory he cannot speak with much certainty as to the events of the period of the Revolution.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer to question 6th. he was taken sick a short time before his second term of service had expired & was taken to the Hospital about Nine miles from York in Virginia. he was sick in the hospital during the Seige of york [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & heard the cannon for [fire?]. that the officers & men of the Detachment were discharged & went home while he was yet in the Hospital & that the only discharge he got was a paper of some kind signed by the physician of the hospital & what that was he does not know for he cannot read nor write

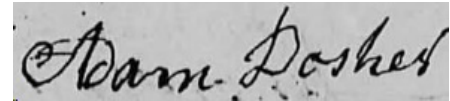
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present Neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Nathan Wells Esquire Captain Benjamin Ogden Lewis Huckaby Levi Beauchamp & many others but that no minister of the gospel resides near him & than the neighborhood in which he resides is very thinly settled. That he has no Documentary evidence of his services & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service with the eception of that of Adam Dozier of White county Illinois. That the paper given him by the physician as afforesaid he has lost but when where or how he does not know

And he hereby relinquishes every 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. Peter hisXmark Dozher

State of Illinois }
White County ss }

On this 5th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Hon Wm. Wilson Judge of White Circuit Court Adam Doshier a resident of said White Co. aged 74 years who being first duly sworn doth, on his oath, depose and say, that he is well acquainted with Peter Doshier now as he thinks residing in Clark Col. that he is aged 70 years & born on the 2nd day of Nov 1762. That said Peter Doshier in the Spring of the year 1781 entered the service of the United States in the militia and continued in the service until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town. That this deponent has no recollection of any of the officers under whom he the said Peter served, but well recollects his service.



State of Illinois } ss.
County of Clark } [9 Sep 1856]

I Daniel Doshier of said County and state aged sixty two years do state that I was born in the county of Knox in the state of Tennessee on the 17th day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninty four, that my mother has often told me that my sister Nancy Doshier was fifteen months older than myself, and that my sister Margaret, the oldest of the family was fifteen months older than Nancy – that my father Peter Doshier was married to my mother Alley Pritchett about, or prior to the year 1791 (Seventeen hundred and ninety one) in Knox County Tennessee, – I have heard my father and mother say that they were married by publication [of banns] in the church. My father and mother neither of them could read nor write, and when I had obtained learning enough to read and write, which has been upwards of thirty years ago I made out for them under their direction a family record on two or three sheets of paper and fastened the same in their bible, that about the year 1817 I removed from Knox County to Warren County, and my father and mother with the balance of the family removed to Warren Co about the year 1820 – that I was married to Judith Maxey when I was just entering my twentieth year, as I can recollect about the 20th of August in the year 1813. that Margaret, and Nancy were married in the same county that I was, to wit Knox County Tennessee, several years before I was – that I am unable to say as particularly about the marriages in the family as I could have said, had not my children while I was in California in 1849 so defaced and destroyed the family record above herein named, as to render it

unintelligible. Margaret Doshier was married at sixteen or seventeen years of age to Jacob Tarwater, and Nancy Doshier was married I think when she was about seventeen or eighteen years to Walter Maxey – that Nancy is now a widow and resides in the state of Arkansas and Margaret I think resides in the South part of this state. that I removed from Warren County Tennessee to this county in the year 1830 and my father moved to this county in about a year or eighteen months afterwards and died in this county

Daniel Doshier

Marion County Arkansas Sct

I Alley Doshier of said County aged 87 years do make the following statement (Viz) “I am the widow of Peter Doshier (or Dozier) who was in his lifetime a revolutionary pensioner of the United States, resident of Clarke County Illinois – Said Peter Doshier died in said County of Clarke on the [blank] day of August 1838 (Eighteen Hundred and thirty eight) I was absent in Tennessee when he died – I was married to said Peter Doshier in what is now called Blunt [sic: Blount] County Tennessee more than 67 years ago by one Brooks a Methodist Circuit Preacher and my name before said marriage was Ally Pritchett (or Pritchard) – I refer to the proof on which said Peter Doshier’s pension was allowed as the best, and in fact the only proof known to me of his services I refer also to such proof as may be filed in support of my claim to a pension under Act July 7th 1838 and its amendments and extensions

I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for and receiving the benefit of the Bounty Land Act of March 3d 1855 never having heretofore applied for or received the benefit of this or any other Bounty Land Act and neither did said Peter Doshier that I ever heard of – As his revolutionary services for which he was pensioned were the only Military services ever performed by him (except possibly some scouting against Indians)

I make another exception – I made out an application last fall for pension and one for Bounty Land and they were directed to my Attorney C H Barkley of Louisville Kentucky, but they got lost per mail some way – He informs me that he never received any of them

I have never again married since the death of said Peter Doshier but I am still his widow

Witness my name on this 4th day of May 1857

Alley herXmark Doshier

NOTE: On 12 May 1857 Alley Doshier applied for a pension, adding to the above information that she married Peter Doshier on or about or previous to 20 June 1790, that he died on 6 Aug 1838, and that she was visiting children at the time. Another statement in the file states that she was at the home of their son, Daniel Doshier, when her husband died. On 4 May 1857 Henry Doshier (as he signed), 56, and Margaret Tarwater, 69, both of Marion County AR, certified the application of their mother, Alley Doshier. On 12 May 1857 Margaret Tarwater was said to be 68. A document in the file states that a bond was issued on 25 May 1807 for the marriage of Margaret Dozier and Jacob Tarwater, and that on 25 August 1813 a bond was issued for the marriage of Daniel Dozier and Jude Maxey. There is also a copy of a license dated 8 March 1809 for the marriage of Nancy Dozier and Walter Maxey.