

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Dodd W22956

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Frances Dodd

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this Eleventh day of March 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Baylis J. Earle one of the Associate Judges of the said State in the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for said District, William Dodd, a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged about 75 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. -- that he entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1776 or 1777 as well as he now recollects in Union County in the said State; he was then about 17 years of age, under Captain William Young of Colonel William Fair's [sic, William Farr's] Regiment of South Carolina Militia and went down to Brown's Creek on Broad River & was stationed there about a month and was after the Tories for some time and returned home having been out not less than six weeks or one month and a half when he got a furlough & went home to his widowed Mother he being the oldest son, he remained at home about three weeks, when he was called out again under the same officers and went after the Tories up the country, crossing Fairforest & Tyger Rivers and nearly to Lawson's fork, but did not overtake them; he was out not less than two weeks at this time & again permitted to return home where he remained a short time and turned out again a volunteer same Captain in Col Henderson's [William Henderson's] Regiment and went with [it] to the siege of 96 [May 21-June 19, 1781] <sup>1</sup>; was there during the siege, after it was raised the company return towards home. He was out at this time not less than one month. He afterwards turned out under the same officers to go southward towards Long Cane [Creek] against the Tories on this route they took four prisoners, which were sent to General Brannon's [sic then Col. Thomas Brandon's] block house on Fairforest. This tour was not less than five weeks. He afterwards turned out under the same officers & went down near where the town of Columbia now stands, was taken sick and sent home. He was out at this time not less than three weeks. After he recovered he went under General Brandon, Major Otterson [Samuel Otterson],<sup>2</sup> Captain William Young down near Sandy River Crossing Broad River at the Fish dam Ford and was stationed near Sandy River about one month scouting against the Tories he was not less than six weeks in the service at this time. Afterwards he turned out under the same Captain and Colonel Henderson and went up on Lawson's Fork near to Buffington's Iron Works against the Tories but did not meet them at this time he was out not less than two weeks. He was called on as a volunteer & turned out under the last named Officers to go against the Cherokee Indians & Tories and went up to the frontiers to the Head of Reedy River near Paris Mountain but met with no Indians or Tories was out at this time not less than three weeks.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Otterson S25344](#)

He afterwards turned out under Captain Young & Major Otterson to go after Colonel Pearson who commanded a gang of Tories near Jones' Mill on the Enoree [River], they came on the Tories at Camp cooking their breakfast, they fled, one of the Tories as he passed this declarant, struck him with a large horseman's sword, which was near killing him and but for a course, strong wool hat would have killed him the scar is now on his head at this time he was out not less than two weeks. He was out at many times, in fact he was nearly all the time out in the service except when he went home for cloths &c. This declarant is very certain he was out much over a year, but when he tries to recollect dates &c his memory is so treacherous he cannot swear to as much as he feels confident he has served. However the times above mentioned is not less than 33 weeks over seven & a half months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

And he answers the questions of the Court corrected by the War cat department to be put as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> : He has been informed he was born near the Potomac [River] in the state of Virginia.

2<sup>nd</sup> : He has no record of his age.

3<sup>rd</sup> : He lived in Union County N.C. when called into service and continued there until about 24 years ago when he moved into Pendleton about 4 miles below the [illegible word] & lived there in Anderson till about four years ago. He then moved into Pickens on Cane Creek where he has continued to lived since.

4<sup>th</sup> : He always turned out volunteer never stood a draft.

5<sup>th</sup> : He saw General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at siege [of] 96 but does not recollect the names of any other officers.

6<sup>th</sup> : He does not know that he ever got a regular discharge, but got some papers which he kept many years till he believed them valueless & does not know what became of them as he is illiterate.

7<sup>th</sup> : The persons to whom he is best known in his present neighborhood are Colonel Joseph Gresham who has known him near 20 years, Thomas Watson, Postmaster at Falls, Tyre B. Mauldin, P. M. at West Union – J. G. Mauldin, P. M. at Helena.

Sworn to in open court 15 March 1834.

S/William Dodd, X his mark

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge.

[Thomas Dawson and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On November 30, 1847 in Pickens District South Carolina, Mrs. Frances Dodd, aged about 80 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1844 stating that she is the widow of William Dodd, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him in October she thinks 1785 as she was in her 18th year; her husband got a license in Wilkes County North Carolina; a Baptist minister by the name of John Barlow performed the ceremony; her maiden name was Henderson; her husband died June 15, 1847; and she remains his widow.]

[p 11: On August 20, 1847 in Laurens district South Carolina Charles Henderson, 82, gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of William Dodd to Frances Henderson confirming that they were married by the Reverend John Barlow a Baptist preacher in Wilkes County North Carolina and that he was 19 years of age when they were married. His relationship, if any tube the widow is not stated]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to William Dobb  
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[p 2]

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22<sup>nd</sup> May 86 [1786]

William Dodd for Militia Duty since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency      £10

Stg. [Sterling] £1.8.6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Repeat of the above Information]

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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.