

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Derrington (Dunnington) W27409 Martha Swiney MD
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State of Kentucky }
Logan County sct }

This day Came William Derrington before me Benjamin Shackelford Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Judicial Circuit for the State af'd and made oath that he was born in the United States and that he hath continued a citizen of the United States from the time of birth until the present time. That on the 3^d day of April in the year 1776 he inlisted in the service of the United States for during the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy under Captain John Lowe belonging to the 3^d Maryland regiment on the continental establishment commanded by lastly Colo [John] Gunby that he served in the United States Service in the Revolutionary War against the Common enemy from the term of his inlistment until the end of the War when he was regularly discharged by the proper officer & he left his discharge in the War office for the purpose of obtaining his bounty in land & his pay &c since which time he is informed s'd office was consumed by fire – that he was wounded at the Battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] which occasioned the loss of the use of his right arm, four times taken a prisoner by the British & once by the Tories

This affiant further maketh oath that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 24th day of July 1818

I William Derrington do hereby release to the United States all former pensions heretofore allowed me
Wm hisXmark Derrington

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 7th 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that William Dunnington enlisted as a Private in the Third Maryland Regiment, on the Twentieth day of June 1777 and Reenlisted again.
Thos. Karney/ Aud. S. M.

State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Sct.
September Term 1820

In the record of proceedings in the Circuit aforesaid among others are the following
Be it remembered that "At a Circuit Court Continued and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the Town of Princeton on tuesday the 26th day of September 1820" On motion of William Derrington he produced in Court his affidavit and schedule which being sworn to here in open Court by the said Derrington was ordered to be recorded and certified according to law, which reads as follows Towit
"State of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit Sct. On this 26th day of September 1820 personally appeared in this Court of record in open Court William Derrington aged 70 years a resident in Caldwell County in said Circuit, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as stated in his former declaration on which he received a pension certificate dated the 21st of May 1819 numbered 10.918. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. My property consists of Bed and bedding worth fifteen dollars Knives, forks, spoons &c worth five dollars
William hisXmark Durrington

State of Kentucky }
County of Caldwell }

I, William Derrington aged sixty five years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six I enlisted in the army of the Revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of “during the war,” and served in the company commanded by Capt James Gray and in the regiment No. [blank] under command of Colonel Gunby of the Maryland line and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty-three when I was regularly discharged from the third Maryland regiment, commanded by Colonel Gunby

My discharge is now lost or mislaid, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement. I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever; therefore... [power of attorney follows]

[William Derrington made the following statement in support of the pension application of William Fortune R20370.]

State of Kentucky } Sct

Calloway County } Personally appeared before the undersigned subscriber an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Derrington aged sixty seven years and now a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following deposition towit. That he the said Derrington was born in Charles County Maryland and enlisted and served during the war in the third and first Regiments of the Maryland continental line That he was well acquainted with William Fortune the foregoing declarant whilst he served in the Revolutionary War and knows that said Fortune was an enlisted soldier in Colonel Gunbay Regiment of the Maryland line This deponint also states that he and said Fortune were both transferred with the army to the South in 1780 That he knew said Fortune well whilst he served in the South under Colonil John Stewart He also states that he and said Fortune were both in the battles of Camden [16 Aug 1780] and Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and that said Fortune as he well knows faithfully served as an enlisted soldier through the whole Southern War in 1780 and 1781 He also states that he has examined the foregoing declaration of said Fortune and that he knows most of the statements therein contained to be true and that he veriley believes them all to be true having no doubt whatever of the truth of his statements

Sworn to and subscribed by said Derrington before me this 26th day of May 1833

William hisXmark Derrington

NOTES:

On 30 Sep 1853 a former neighbor testified that William Derrington had died 17 or 18 years previously.

On 25 April 1853 Martha Swiney, 65, of Calloway County KY applied for a pension stating that she married William Derrington in Calloway county on 7 June 1828, that he died in the 1830s, and that on 7 March 1842 she married John H. Swiney, who died in Marshall County KY. On an application for bounty land dated 29 Jan 1856 Martha Swiney was said to be 70, and her maiden name was said to have been Martha Loyal. On 30 Sep 1853 she explained that William Derrington mispronounced her name as Loyd, and that is the way it appears on marriage records. The file contains a copy of the bond signed by William Durrington and Jeremiah Wilkins on 4 June 1828 for the marriage of Durrington to Patsy Loyd, (at least?) 21 years old.

On 30 Sep 1853 Ann Lynch, 62, stated that she was a daughter of William Derrington, who about 25 years previously married “Patsy Loyd, (at least she was known by that name).”