

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mark Dedmon (Dedman) W3960 Hannah Dedmon f50NC
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[Note: the following transcription is heavily edited for spelling]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County:

That on the 12 day of September 1834 personally appeared before us the subscribing Justices of the peace for said County Mark Dedmon a resident of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged seventy-six 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 the 7 of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service of the United States in the County of Roane [sic, Rowan] NC on the 5 day of August 1779 as a drafted military man under the command of Capt. Lions [sic, Elijah Lyons] and Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] Regiment and marched to fight the Cherokee Indians and returned home to Rowan County NC under Capt. Lyons and served three months. I entered the second term of service in the year of 1780 as a volunteer in Rowan County NC in Capt. Niten [? Probably Jesse Knighton's] Company and afterwards under Capt. Wilson [William Wilson] and General Daverson [sic, William Lee Davidson's] Regiment and afterwards Major Mack dowl [sic, Joseph McDowell] and General Modrgun [sic, Daniel Morgan?] and was in the battle at the cow pens [sic, Cowpens, January 17, 1781] in South Carolina in 1781 and was discharged at Sherriels ford [Sherrill's Ford] on the Cawtober [Catawba] River in NC and served three months. I entered the third term of service in the year of 1781 as a volunteer in Rowan County NC under Capt. Niten in the Horse Company and under Major Smith and General Rutherford and marched to Fayetteville NC and served three months -- that he was born in the State of Mayerland [Maryland] and afterwards moved to Rowan NC and lived there until he was 28 years old and afterwards moved to South Carolina Greenville district then moved to NC Rutherford County where he now lives for forty years past and that he has no record of his age, that he was living in Rowan County NC when called into service and that he was drafted when first called into service and afterwards volunteered himself for the two last tours and that there is no person in his acquaintance that he can prove his service by as he knows of and that he was acquainted with General Rutherford and Col. Locke and Major Smith and that he never had a discharge only one and that was given by Capt. Will Wilson but has lost it since and that there is no cleargey [clergyman] in the neighborhood where he resides that can witness as to their belief as to his being a soldier of the revolutionary war but that he is acquainted with Lewis Campe and Willis

Weathers who can testify as to his character for veracity and give their belief as to his service in the revolutionary war. He does hereby relinquish 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.

Sworn to and subscribed this 12 day of September 1834

Test: S/ William Weathers, JP

S/ Mark Dedmon, X his mark

S/ Y. Brizondine, JP

[Lewis Campe and Willis Weathers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Whereas this day came Marke Dedmon before us acting justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law and saith that in consequence of old age and being of decrepit state he is not able to ride to the courthouse without doing himself an injury for it is about twenty-four miles and too far for [indecipherable word or words]¹ to go in his situation.

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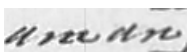
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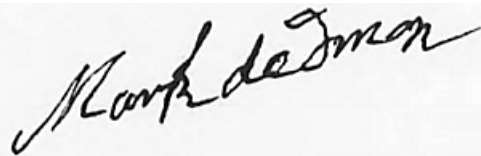
State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 14th day of August 1835 personally appeared before me William Weathers an acting justice of the [peace] in and for said County Mark Dedmon a citizen resident in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That he first entered the service of the United States in the County of Rowan North Carolina on the fifth day of August 1779 -- as a drafted Militia man in the company of Capt. Lions and in the Regiment of Col. Locke in the Army of General Rutherford, for the term of three months he marched from Rowan to a Fort at the head of the Catawba called Greenlee's Fort -- thence across Swannanoa & French Broad rivers in what is now Buncombe County -- & thence across the Tuckaseegee & Tennessee rivers & was at the taking [of] several Indian towns - - after the three months had expired he was discharged & returned home to Rowan County -- That he entered the service again in the winter or fall of 1780 under Capt. Niten but was shortly after transferred to Capt. Wilson in Rowan County North Carolina as a volunteer Major McDowell & marched with General Davidson and joined General Morgan's Army on Pacolet River South Carolina -- was in the battle of the Cowpens in Spartanburg South Carolina & marched from thence to Sherrill's Ford on the Catawba in what is now Lincoln County, and was there discharged after having served three months -- That he entered the service as a volunteer again in the year 1781 in Rowan County North Carolina under Capt. Haden & was afterwards transferred to Capt. Niten who commanded a company of Cavalry their Maj. was Smith, that he served in the Army of General Rutherford & marched to Fayetteville North Carolina and from there near Wilmington North Carolina -- That their picket guard was often fired on &

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skirmishing took place but was in no particular engagement during this service that after the expiration of the three months for which he entered he returned to Rowan County with Capt. Niten and was discharged -- serving in the whole in actual service nine months. That he was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland on the 15th day of August 1758 -- that he was brought when a child by his parents to Rowan County North Carolina & remained there until he was twenty-eight years old -- when he removed to Greenville South Carolina and after remaining there one year removed to Rutherford County North Carolina on first Broad River where he has lived ever since -- That he has no record of his age but understands from his brother-in-law since his former declaration that he has which now enables him to give his age precisely -- that he was living in Rowan County when called into service, that he first entered the Army as a drafted militia man, and afterwards volunteered -- that he served in the Cherokee Nation & in North & South Carolina -- that he was at the Battle of the Cowpens and at the taking of several Indian Towns -- on the Tuckaseegee & Tennessee rivers -- that he was acquainted with Capt. Lions, Capt. Wilson, Capt. Niten, Major McDowell, Major Smith, Col. Locke, General Davidson, General Rutherford & General Morgan -- that he never received but one written discharge which was given him by Capt. Wilson for three months service which he has lost long since. That he is acquainted with Drury Dobbins a clergyman resident in this County & Willis Weathers and Samuel Bailey -- who are citizens residing in this County -- who can certify as to his credit for veracity and give their and give their belief as to his services in the revolutionary war -- that he does not now know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services neither has he any documentary evidence to prove it and has no other means of proving it but by his own oath - - that he lives at a distance of 25 miles from the Court house and on account of the infirmity of old age he is and has been unable to attend Court for a number of years being very much afflicted with a sore leg. 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. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ William Weathers, JP

S/ Mark Dedmon



[Drury Dobbins, a clergyman, Willis Weathers and Samuel Bailey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: from January 27, 1842 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Hannah Dedmon, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Mark Dedmon, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him sometime in the year 1784 [could be 1789 as the last digit is unclear]²; that her husband died March 23, 1839; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: Thomas Dedmon gave testimony on January 27, 1842 in Rutherford County North Carolina that the family record set forth below the genuine record of the births of the children of

Mark and Hannah Dedmon and is in the handwriting of Thomas Moseby [could be Thomas Moseley]

Mr. Dedmon

. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[p 10: family record

<p>Polly Dedman was born November 13, 1786 Thomas Dedman was born January 15 1788 William Dedman was born March 12, 1791 Sally Dedman was born September 29 1793</p>	
<p>grandchildren from this line down Jacob Walp was born December 26 1794 Hampton Paget was born September 29 1815 Mary Dedmon DeCeft [? deceased] February 3, 1826 Thomas h Crafford Decest [?deceased?] February [illegible]</p>	<p>No image for these entries appears in this file but these entries do appear in a typed letter dated October 31, 1936 responding to information contained in this file. I'm guessing these entries appear on the reverse of the image above and that whoever made the copy of the documents overlooked copying the reverse side.</p>

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]