

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Dille W7018 Mary Dille VA [PA]
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The State of Ohio County of Cuyahoga Ss.

On this sixth day of August personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Supreme Court within and for the County aforesaid now sitting, David Dille a resident of the Township of Euclid, in said County of Cuyahoga State of Ohio, aged seventy eight 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 Service of the following named officers and served as herein stated. – In the year 1778, about the first of March, he volunteered for the term of one year from the first of March of 1778 to March 1 1779 – He does not know or remember of any regimental or field Officers, under whom he served at this time. The Company was commanded by Captain Regin Virgin, but as different parts of his said Company were assigned to different posts in guarding the frontier forts, from Pittsburg to Wheeling, and never was called together at one place he did not become acquainted with and cannot state the names of the Lieutenant and Ensign of said Company. That at the time he volunteered as aforesaid, he resided in Mononghalia [sic: Monongalia] County, in the State of Virginia, though in that part of said County, which is now Washington County in the State of Pennsylvania That of that year he served nearly two months in the Fort at Wheeling, from thence he was removed to Atkinson's Fort on Ten Mile Creek, where he was stationed about two months, and nearly the whole residue of that year he was engaged in scouting parties, scouring the Country in various directions. Of this service he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no witness living who can testify fully to the same. And that during the year aforesaid he served as, held the rank and discharged the duties of orderly Sergeant in said Company – And the said David Dille further declares, that the next year (1780) he volunteered again in the service against the Indians on the western Frontier, for the purpose of defending the same, under Captain Benjamin Rice, (who then lived within a few miles from where Washington in Pennsylvania now stands) that he was elected a lieutenant of said company and served as such during the year the next ensuing. That he never received any Commission, nor does he know of any of the officers who were elected & served in these early times of that country who did receive Commissions. That during the year last aforesaid the services he performed consisted principally in scouting excursions through the country, whenever it was deemed the public service, or emergency required, and in this service he was engaged every day, for some time, and at least as often as once a week during the season of the year when they were exposed to Indian invasion. During this year the scouting parties to which he was attached frequently scoured the country across the heads of Wheeling Creek and on to the head waters of Fishing Creek. And whilst he was not engaged in scouting as aforesaid, he was principally stationed at Keith's Fort on Ten Mile Creek (now in Washington County Penn.) During this year the few days he was at liberty from the discharge of his aforesaid duties he worked upon his farm. And that he has no documentary evidence of the last mentioned services and knows of no witness living who can testify particularly to the same.

And the said David Dille further states, that from the year last aforesaid until the year 1782, he continued ready for the services abovementioned at a moments warning whenever any emergency required, and during that time was frequently engaged in scouting parties, when early in May 1782, he attached himself as a volunteer to the detachment, commanded by Col. William Crawford in his Campaign against the Indians on the Sandusky Plains. Of this detachment Col. David Williamson was the second in Command. The Company to which Deponent belonged was raised in said Mononghalia County, Virginia, and was commanded by Capt. John Miller, Lieut. Everhart Hupp and Ensign Davis (Christian name not remembered) After the said detachment was made up they assembled at the Mingo Bottom on the Ohio River, their place of general rendezvous, and after being organised they proceeded [25 May 1782] on this Campaign through the wilderness, crossed the Muskingum River, some miles

above the junction of the Tuscarawas & White Woman River, and sometime in the month of June (the precise day not remembered) arrived at the Sandusky Plains. There they were met by the Indians, and after fighting two days [June 4-6] they retreated and pursued their retreat all night and the next day they were overtaken by the Indians & were followed by them for several miles, fighting. From this campaign they returned early in July, and this deponent was engaged in the last mentioned service about two months. Deponent thinks he did not receive a written discharge when said detachment was disbanded. From this time his services were occasional either in forts or scouting parties until the year 1784 when he thinks in the month of August of that year he (Deponent) was called on, & became attached to a company of about 30 men to guard a blockhouse in which were confined some four prisoners, being refugees or Tories, in which service he was engaged three months under the command of Capt. William Perkinson, at Washington. At this time that part of the country where deponent resided was under the authority of the State of Pennsylvania, the line dividing Virginia & Pennsylvania having been [illegible word] that year [sic: 4 Nov 1783]. And of this service he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any witness living who can testify particularly to the same.

From the year last mentioned until 1789 his services were again occasional, being frequently employed in scouting parties or stationed in Forts, always keeping by him his rifle prepared for any emergency. Some time in the year last above mentioned (1789) he removed into the Territory North West of the Ohio River (now Belmont County Ohio) & settled with a few families, opposite the Flats of Grave Creek (Virginia) where his occasional services were still required until about the first of March 1793 when he volunteered under the authority of the state of Virginia in a company under Capt John M'Culloch [John McCulloch], Lieut Joseph Biggs & ensign Levi Morgan, for the term of nine months. During this time said company was constantly engaged in actual service. Detachments of the company were every day sent out to spy and reconnoitre the country. And in the month of October of that year, the whole company made an excursion into the interior of the country, crossing the Muskingum on to the head waters of the Scioto River in which excursion [illegible word] Indian prisoners were taken. The next year (1794) he (the said Deponent) again volunteered for the like term of nine months, and was engaged in the same service as the last year. The said term last aforesaid commenced about the first of March the whole of which time he was also in actual service. The said John M'Culloch also commanded said company this year the said Levi Morgan Lieutenant and Saul (or Solomon) Hedges Ensign. this year said company (about 70 in number) went down the Ohio river to the Mouth of the Muskingum and thence up that river to the mouth of Jonathan's Creek in periogues & canoes. Thence across the country to the Scioto River. This deponent was left in the command of five men to guard & take charge of the stores & property at the mouth of Jonathan's Creek. In this excursion five Indian prisoners were taken. The company returned and were discharged about the last of November. Of none of the foregoing services, has this deponent any documentary evidence, but expects to be able to prove a part thereof by the testimony of living witnesses.

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 any state.



NOTES:

In June 1833 Asa Dille of Cuyahoga County OH, brother of David Dille, stated that he was born 11 Sep 1767 in Morris County NJ and was nine when his family moved to what is now Washington County PA, where he lived until he was 33.

David Dille received a pension certificate dated 31 Jan 1834 for \$215.84 per year for 1 year and 15 days service as a Sergeant and 11 months and 15 days as a Lieutenant.

A copy of the following letter is in the file:

Mr. Wm Bell/ Dear Sir Cleveland Dec'r. 17, 1834 [sic]

On the receipt of your statement of the affairs of the Estate of David Dille deceased. We set on foot some enquiries – and as near as we can ascertain the situation of the old gentleman when he died, it was as follows – He had been for a number of years feeble – broken down by misfortune – with a large family to support. When he got his pension allowed he was some in debt – a part of the money went to pay his Debts – say \$350 He gave to his daughters each about 30\$. there are three or four of them. considerable was spent for the support of his family. And what has not gone as above, has been expended in a small house, built on his sons land, which we are informed cannot be got hold of and of all he received we presume One hundred & fifty dollars cannot be found together, and not any with the widow – except her clothing. As there was no property when Mr. Dille died no Administrator has been appointed./ With much Respect We remain/ Yours truly/ (signed) P. M. Weddell J Co.

On 14 Dec 1850 Mary Dille, 72, of Licking County OH, applied for a pension stating that she married David Dille on 11 March 1797, and he died on 7 Oct 1835. On 14 Nov 1850 her son, I. Dille, gave the date of marriage as 11 March 1796, according to the family record.

The file includes the original family record transcribed below with the following note: “The bible from which these leaves were removed (date of removal unknown) is on file in this Bureau; no further data therein.” Israel Dille stated that his mother, Mary Dille, had lived with him since 1846, and that the record of their marriage had been entered into this family record by Gen. Lewis Dille of Lake County OH.

BIRTHS.

Nemiah Dille Nov'mb 15: 1781
Lewis Dille Aug't 3^d 1783
Calvin & Luther Dille Aprile 11th 1785
Asa Dille Feb'y 29: 1788
Casena Dille Nov. 3^d 1791
Samuel Waid Dille Decem'br 14 1797
Frances Dille May 27 1799
Israel Dille Aug 11 1802

BIRTHS.

Cinthy Dille July 4 1804
Marinda Dille Aprile 13 1806
Sally Dille Decem'br 16 1807
John S. Dille June 29 1809
David G. Dille Aprile 7 1810
David B. Dille Aprile 5 1812
Hiram W. Dille June 16 1814
Salina Dille November 26 1816
Junius Aurelius Dille Agust 1st 1821

DEATHS.

Frances Dille July 19 1803
David G. Dille April 15 1811
David Dille October 1st 1835

MARRIAGES.

David Dille and Mary Tailor March 11th 17 [page damaged here and below at *]
Nemiah Dille Son of D[*] February 28th 1809
Lewis Dille Jan'y 10 18[*] [a typed summary says 1804]
Samuel W Dille son of [*] Dille was married July 8th 1881 [sic]
Marinda Dille Daughter [*] D Dille was married March [*] 1821 [typed summary says March 8]
Sarah Dille Daughter of D Dille was married Sep 17, 1829
Cyntha Dill Daughter of D Dille was married [illegible] 12 1822 [typed summary says Aug 13 1832]