

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Dillard W7020

Sarah Dillard

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Georgia, Elbert County

James Dillard of said State and County came personally before me and being duly Sworn saith that he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Army of the United States on the Continental Establishment on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781, in which capacity he served for & during the Term of Twelve Months, that he was a private in a company Commanded by Captain Alexander Prevard [Alexander Brevard] and attached to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Armstrong of the North Carolina Line: that he was regularly discharged in the State of South Carolina not far from the City of Charleston, at the expiration of Twelve months from the time he entered the Service, that in the lapse of intervening years his discharge was lost or destroyed – that he is now old, infirm & poor, and is induced by his reduced Circumstances to apply to his Country for relief and it being necessary to his Support.

S/ James Dillard, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1819.

S/ John M. Dooly, J. S. C.

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Georgia, Elbert County

Before me John M. Dooly One of the Judges of the Superior Court of said State, personally appeared William Faulkner, who being duly Sworn saith that James Dillard of Said State & County enlisted in the war of the Revolution on the Continental Establishment for the term of 12 months & that he Served his Country for & during that term – and further this deponent sayeth that the said James Dillard is now Old & infirm & incapable of laboring for the support of himself & family & that a knowledge of his reduced circumstances has frequently induced this deponent with others of the neighbors & friends of the said James Dillard to continue to his (the said James') Support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1819.

S/ Wm Faulkner

S/ John M. Dooly, J. S. C.

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the Muster roll of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that James Dilliard [sic] a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment was mustered in 1781 for 12 months and that he left the service the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1782.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Georgia, Elbert County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for said State & County, James Dillard aged about sixty years resident in said County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (to wit) as a private in a company commanded by Captain Alexander Prevard [Alexander Brevard] attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong of the North Carolina Line as appears by his Original declaration dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 that he has received a pension Certificate Showing a number (16, 100) but has not yet received any money as a pension. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 & naval Service of the United States in the A revolutionary War passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Viz	200 acres of Land 3 <sup>rd</sup> quality	\$400.00
	50 acres of the above Land in dispute which is forest Land & the most Valuable. Worth	150.00
	1 Horse	60.00
	1 Colt	20.00
	3 Cows & Calves	36.00
	5 small cattles	25.00
	12 Sheep	24.00
	32 Hogs all sizes	50.00
	1 Old Waggon	80.00
	3 Small Potts & oven 1 skillet much injured	4.00
	3 Old axes 4 weeding hoes & one mattock much worn	8.00
	4 Old ploghs 2 pr. Gear much injured	6.00
	1 Old saw & Drawing knife	1.00
	1 Iron wedge 2 old cotton wheels 2 pr. Cards	5.00
	1 Loom 3 old pine Tables 7 chairs 2 old chests	18.00
	1 good & 1 old cupboard	16.50
	4 Dishes ½ doz. Plates Earthern	2.75
	1 Set knives & forks 1 set Cups & saucers	3.50
	1 old coffee Pot 1 Tea Pot 1 sugar dish 1 salt stand ½ pepper box	1.25
	1 old Tea kettle 1 Ladle 2 Earthen bowls 2 Pewter plates	2.00
	4 Bottles 2 Decanters 2 Glass Tumblers 1 wine Glass	2.37 ½
	1 Tin Sugar Box 1 Small Tea canister 1 Crewit	.93 ¾
	1 Saddle & Bridle & 1 Grater	8.00

S/ James Dillard, X his mark

I do further solemnly swear that my occupation is agriculture & that I am entirely unable (rendered so by long affliction & consequent infirmity) to pursue it, that the number of my Family residing with me is Eight a wife & seven children, to wit, James a son born the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1799 receives part of the crop for his services, Sarah a daughter born the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1801 not more than able by her labor to support

herself, Sindy a daughter born September the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1802 not more than able to support herself, Nehemiah a Son born September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1805 Very Small to his age & uniformly unhealthy, Isaac a Son Born March the 27<sup>th</sup> 1807 has been sick for near Two Years & Expected to die for several months past an Entire charge, Martha a daughter born October the 27<sup>th</sup> 1808 Scarcely healthy & very small to her age, Thomas a Son born May the 30<sup>th</sup> 1811 very small to his age this last three unable entirely to support themselves by their labor. My wife about 56 years of age capable of doing of the Business that persons of her age & sex are Ordinarily able to do – and I do further solemnly swear that I am in debt necessarily for the Support of my Family & have no other means of Extricating myself therefrom other than as Exhibited above.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open court.

S/ James Dillard, X his mark

Attest: S/ Wm. U. Bowen, Clk

S/ John M. Dooly, J. S. C.

[p 35: On February 20, 1828, James Dillard filed another application under the 1818 and 1820 acts. This application is substantially identical to the one filed in 1820 except the amount of his property is reduced and valued at \$265.50. In this application, claimant gives more details on his family.]

[p 10: On December 4, 1843, Sarah Dillard filed in Elbert County for a widow's pension stating, inter alia, that her husband died April 4, 1839; that they were married on January 14, 1788 by the Rev'd John Newman, a Baptist minister, in Surry County, NC. She attached what appear to be pages from the family's Bible on which birth records are recorded but they are largely illegible. In a typed abstract of her application prepared by the War Department, the Bible information is transcribed as follows:

Elizabeth Emaly	born	October 14, 1788
Nancy		July 28, 1793
Mary Varnon		October 3, 1795
Jinse		August 25, 1797
James		July 13, 1799
Sarah Joice		March 22, 1801
Sidney		September 23, 1802
Nehemiah Varnon		September 4, 1805
Isaac		March 27, 1807
Martha Matilda		October 27, 1808
Thomas Mosser		May 30, 1811

She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 18, 1819, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]