

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Pension Application of John Dupuy W7060

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State of Virginia, Prince Edward County to witt. On this the 13th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me Lellious D Womack a justice of the peace for the said county, John Dupuy in the seventy seventh year of his age and a resident of said County and state, 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 following officers and served as herein stated. Vizt. In the early part of June 1776 I was called into service in what was called the Minute men or state Troops as a volunteer. my company officers were Capt Charles Allen Lieutenant Joseph Parks and Ensign James Allen. Colo Merryman [sic: Merriman] was a field officer and a man by the name of Overton was Major or Agetant [Adjutant]. I marched with the Company from Prince Edward Court House to Richmond, thence to Williamsburg thence to Hampton where the army was stationed some three or four months thence to Portsmouth where it was stationed untill Christmas, when I was discharged and returned home making in this tour about seven months. In the next year 1777 about the month of May or June a draft was made on the young (unmarried) men by a Law of the state requiring a service of one year, as regular soldiers, regular service, under which draft I became a soldier for this tour. I hired a substitute by the name of Estis to whom I paid four hundred dollars \$400. those troops marched somewhere to the North to join the army. My substitute I have never seen or heard from since. — Some time in the next year 1778 there was an alarm in our capes, at that time I held a Commission in my Company at home, which I resigned and enlisted as a private soldier in a volunteer company Commanded by the said first named Charles Allen and marched to Petersburg where we were on a tour of about a month or two. Sometime very early in the year 1781 say January or February, I volunteered in a Company in the aforesaid County commanded by Capt John Bibb in which Company I held the office of Lieutenant, in a short Bibb resigned and Nathaniel Cunningham was Commissioned in his stead. I marched with the Company from Pr. Edward Courthouse to Irvins Ferry [Irwin's Ferry on Dan River] in Halifax County Virginia, and there joined Gen'l Green's [Nathanael Greene's] army, was attached to Colo. Cock's [Nathaniel Cocke's] regiment and Gen. [Edward] Stevens' Brigade. the Army marched thence to Guilford courthouse N. Carolina where they were engaged in a Battle with Cornwallis [15 Mar 1781]. the second day after the Battle I was ordered to take charge of some prisoners and convey them to Halifax Court house Va and deliver them to Nat Hunt who was stationed there to receive them, which service I did. from thence according to the order of Gen. Stevens I returned home. this tour was two, three or four months. Very soon after returning home I was orderd to Halifax County Va to receive a parcil of armes, which had been brought there from the Guilford battle and convey them to Pr. Edward Court House. the time taken to execute this order I do not recollect. Some time in the same year 1781, I believe in August I was ordered to take charge of some wounded prisoners which had been brought from Guilford to Prince Edward Courthouse and convey to Gen Lafayette who was stationed in King William County near Ruffins ferry on Pamunkey river, where I received the order to convey them to Williamsburg, which I did and at the request of the officer there carried them to James Town and delivered them on board a Brittish ship: to do this last service occupied about one month. I know no person or persons living by whom I can positively prove the whole of my services.

Recappitulation

- 1st. A tour as a minute man or state troops: a private soldier about 7 months.
- 2nd. Drafted as a Regular for one year and supplied my place with substitute at \$400.
- 3d A tour as a private soldier to Petersburg 2 months.
- 4th A tour to the Battle of Guilford as a Lieutenant 2 3 or 4 months.
- 5th To Halifax Courthouse to receive and convey armes.
- 6th From Pr. Edward Ct. House to James Town about one month.

Interrogatories

1st Where were you born and in what year? Answer. I was born in Amelia County Virginia the 20th day of February 1756.

2nd. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? Answer I have the record of my age as given me by father.

3d. Where were you leaving [sic] when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Answer I lived in Pr. Edward County Va. when called into service I have lived in said County ever since the war & now do.

4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom? Answer. My preceeding declaration sets forth the manner in which I was in the service at each time. I was not a substitute at at any time.

5th. State the names of some of Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and millitia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Answer Gen Green was Commander in Chief at Guilford. I do not recollect the names of any regular officers at Guilford there was Lawsons [Gen. Robert Lawson's] and Stevens' Regiments of Millitia; further I do not know how to state better than in my declaration.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what became of it? Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it given and what became of it? Answer. I received my discharge regularly, but have not preserved them. [illegible word] then Governor I believe P. Henry. I have not preserved it.

7th. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Colo Clement Carrington, Maj. James Morlen[?], Thomas Jackson, Philip Adams, Lellious D Womack, James W Womack, James R Wilson and Samuel Allen. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state nor never was. signed this the day and year before named

John Dupuy Sr.

[Certified by Henry Dawson, pension application S10549.]

NOTE: On 21 Aug 1838 Mary Dupuy, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married John Dupuy on 31 Dec 1783, and he died 1 Oct 1832. A copy of the marriage record shows that John Dupuy married Mary Watkins in Charlotte County VA. On 12 Dec 1832 Joel W. Dupuy of Prince Edward County wrote to the Pension Office that his father had died and therefore could not answer questions relating to his pension application.