

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Dinwiddie W8671

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[Lincoln KY Circuit Court, 11 Aug 1818]

John Dinwiddie aged about sixty years with a view of being placed on the pension list in conformity with the provision of the act of Congress passed in march 1818 upon his oath states that he enlisted as a Regular soldier some time in the year 1779 [sic] commanded by Capt Robert Jauett [sic: Robert Jouett] the Regiment commanded by Col Lee & said as well as he recollects to be the eighth Pennsylvania Regiment [sic: Lee's Legion] & the brigade was commanded by General Lee [sic] that he was marched to Guilford, Scotch lake [sic: Fort Watson near Scott Lake], Wateree, & sundry other places in south & north Carolina that he continued in the service eighteen months & was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] & others, discharged his duty faithfully & was honourably discharged by Ensign Green on the second day of January 1782 which discharge he sent to Richmond Virginia & has not seen it since, that he is poor not able to perform much labour & stands in need of the aid of Government contemplated in the act of Congress before refer'd to

John Dinwiddie

State of Kentucky, Sct.

On this day [10 Aug 1819] John Dinwiddie an applicant for a pension appeared before & after being sworn, stated in addition to his declaration made in the Lincoln circuit court on the 11th day of August, in the year 1818, contained on this sheet, that when he first enlisted & entered the service he belonged to the company commanded by Captain Robert Jouitt; that the Regiment was commanded by Col. [Richard] Campbell & he believes the Regiment was part of the Virginia line upon continental establishment; that he was very soon taken from the company & Regiment afs'd. & placed under the command of Capt. Handy, who with others were as infantry attached to the troops under the command of Colonel Henry Lee, who also commanded a corpse of cavalry; and that the services rendered by him were under said Lees immediate command.

State of Kentucky 12th Judicial District & circuit Court for Lincoln County Sct

On this 15th day of August A.D. 1820 in open Court before the Court abovementioned, it being a Court of record by act of Assembly proceeding according to the course of Common Law John Dinwiddie aged about sixty one years, personally appeared in court and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows Viz: that in the month of July or August in the year 1779 he enlisted in the service of the United States for the term of eighteen months; that he was at first placed under the command of Captain [Joseph] Scott, but before and at the battle of Guilford he was put under the command of Captain Robert Jouitt, the Regiment by Col. Campbell; that he was afterwards attached to the Light Infantry which accompanied Col. Lees corpse of horse and then was in the company commanded by Captain Handy; that he was enlisted as a soldier of the Untied States upon the continental establishment as will more fully appear by the affidavit under which he obtained his certificate for a pension No 16,644 dated the 5th day of April 1820.

And I the said John Dinwiddie 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 person 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 Viz:

One horse beast not worth more than \$30 in possession	\$30.00
One horse beast lent to my son in law Henry Small, not worth more than \$40	40.00
2 Cows and one calf, the whole not worth more than \$20	20.00
4 sheep not worth more than \$8	8.00
7 or 8 Hogs not worth more than	10.00
A number of Fowls the whole not worth more than \$3	<u>3.00</u>
	\$111.00

sworn to and subscribed the day and year first mentioned John Dinwiddie

And the said John Dinwiddie further stated upon his oath, that he is a tiller of the ground; but he is able to labour but little. That he has a wife about sixty years old, who is very infirm & able to perform but little labour. That he has three children all daughters & all married & settled and all in low circumstances, with respect to property.

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: John Dinwiddie/ age 21/ height 5' 6"/ planter/ born and residing in Amherst County/ dark brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 30 Aug 1780 for 18 months/ "Deserted."

On 2 Oct 1839 Sarah Dinwiddie, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married John Dinwiddie on 3 Jan 1787, and he died 18 Oct 1831. Elizabeth Martin, 65, also of Lincoln County deposed that she was present at the marriage of her brother, John Dinwiddie. Obadiah Martin, 56, of the same county deposed that John and Sarah Dinwiddie had always been considered man and wife. As proof of marriage Sarah Dinwiddie presented a family record copied by her husband from a worn-out Bible, certified by their daughter, Rhoda B. Martin, and transcribed below.

John Dinwiddie born the 1st July 1759.

Sarah his wife born April the 25th 1760.

John Dinwiddie & Sarah Martin was married January the 3rd 1787. — (Their childrens' ages)

Nancy Dinwiddie born April the 13th 1788.

Polly Dinwiddie born October 13th 1792.

Rhoda B. Dinwiddie born June 23rd 1795.