

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

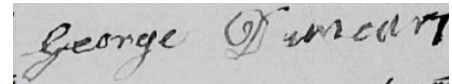
Pension Application of George Duncan W9845                      Elizabeth Duncan                      VA  
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State of Indiana } SS  
Orange County }

On this nineteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Orange Circuit Court now sitting George Duncan a resident of said County of Orange in the State of Indiana aforesaid aged 75 years on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March next according to a Record kept by his Father the original of which is now in his possession in his fathers hand writing 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the first tour of service which he performed he took the place of his Father John Duncan as a substitute who was drafted in Amherst County in the State of Virginia to guard Bugoyne's (british) prisoners in Abermarle County in the state of Virginia [sic: Burgoyne's army surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] – the names of either of the field or company officers not recollected. As soon as he entered the service this deponent proceeded to the Barracks in Albermarle County where he remained in service upon active duty (about) Two months perhaps three but not less than two he recollects that he remained there during the whole period for which he entered the service. When his term of service elapsed he was discharged and went back home into Amherst County in Va. this deponent does not recollect distinctly but thinks his first service was rendered in 1778 [sic]. The second term performed by this deponent was commenced about a year afterward. He was drafted in Amherst County Virginia to go upon service down about Richmond to reconnoiter; In a short time after he was drafted he marched to Richmond where he continued reconnoitering and scouting about a month when he was discharged and returned home – the officers names not recollected. Whilst deponent was encamped with the army just below Richmond on James River one James Blain a resident of Amherst County came into the army to purchase Tobacco It so happened that a number of the soldiers had Tobacco deposited in Richmond on sale. We had heard of Cornwallis approach and he was expected to make an attempt to land on the Coast of Virginia. Under this state of things much fear was entertained that Richmond would fall into his hands and that the Tobacco deposited there would be lost to the owners. Blain's object was to buy it up at very reduced prices and the soldiers thought he wished to speculate too deeply upon them. Feeling indignant at his conduct they took him into Custody, called a Court Martial who set upon his case, and decided that he should be mounted upon his horse with his face toward the horses tail, and led through the lines out of the encampment which sentence was executed to the letter. The third tour of duty upon which deponent was engaged was the same summer that Cornwallis came into Virginia [1781]. He was drafted about the first of May in Amherst County in Virginia under Captain Pamplin He immediately after entered the service under Colonel [Reuben] Lindsay of Abermarle County in Virginia, and General [Robert] Lawson deponent was detached to go in pursuit of Cornwallis, whilst the latter was in Virginia deponent marched on through Charlottesville to join the Regiment after uniting with the Regiment the whole went down in to the neighborhood of Richmond, deponent was about 8 miles from the battle ground on the evening of the battle at Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] deponents regiment had on that occasion halt early in the afternoon to encamp but hearing just before night of the battle at Jamestown they were marched immediately toward the scene of action after meeting with part of the American forces which had fallen back about half a mile from the battle ground with some wounded soldiers deponents regiment was halted a few moments and was then marched back on the river road, nearly in the same direction they had come – we got news next day that Cornwallis and his forces had retired to their ships and were then marched to Malvern or Mobbin hill [Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond]

where we were halted about 16 or 18 days. hearing that Cornwallis had gone up York river we were marched across the Country toward Little York we encamped on Pamunky river [sic: Pamunkey River] where we continued until some time in the month of September, when deponent was discharged and went home. From his commanding officers this deponent received written discharges for each one of the foregoing tours of duty but left them all at his Fathers in the State of Virginia Amherst County, when deponent removed into Kentucky, and not returning to the State of Virginia for about 20 years when he again visited his fathers showed his papers that he had left there amongst which were the said discharges, had all been destroyed or lost. Deponent was born in Albemarle County Virginia, soon after moved by his father into Amherst Co. Va. where he continued to reside until the fall of '81 when he visited Kentucky, Lincoln County where he lived until about 15 years ago when he removed into this Orange County where he has continued to reside ever since. He is known to James Lynd, Jacob Moulder Alexander Wallace Edward Moore and Wm. Brooks who will bear evidence of deponents fairness of character, and their belief that he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war as stated

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.



#### NOTES:

On 25 Sep 1833 George Duncan made another declaration similar to the above.

On 19 April 1844 Elizabeth Duncan, 73, of Orange County IN, applied for a pension stating that she married George Duncan in Lincoln County KY on 25 April 1790, and he died in Orange County on 2 Nov 1838. Her son Fleming H. Duncan certified that about 15 years previously he had copied from an earlier family record the one transcribed below. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 6 April 1790 by George Duncan and Maurice Brown for the marriage of Duncan to Elizabeth Phillips.

#### BIRTHS.

George Duncan was Born march 8<sup>th</sup> 1758

Elizabeth Duncan was Born october 14<sup>th</sup> 1770

John Duncan was Born June 15 1791

George Duncan was Born December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1792

Fleming Hall Duncan was Born September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1794

Lieu Vina Duncan was Born September 10<sup>th</sup> 1796

Lievina Lent Duncan was Born June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1799

Sally Duncan was Born September 10<sup>th</sup> 1801

Ginny Duncan was Born Aprile 25<sup>th</sup> 1803 [elsewhere Jane Duncan]

Elizabeth Duncan was Born march 11<sup>th</sup> 1806

Polly Duncan was Born September 29<sup>th</sup> 1807 Dec [decesed]

Polly Duncan was Born June 13<sup>th</sup> 1810

~~Linzy Duncan son of Chaform[?] Duncan was Born February 28<sup>th</sup> 1800[?]~~

#### MARRIAGES.

George and Elizabeth Duncan was married Aprile 25<sup>th</sup> 1790