

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Dodd S39453

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County Six judicial Circuit

This day personally appeared Jesse Dodd a revolutionary soldier before me Alfred M. Harris one of the Circuit Judges of the State aforesaid, who being duly sworn in pursuance of an act of the last session of Congress providing a pension for poor & indigent revolutionary soldiers, deposes & saith, That he is about sixty two years of age, that he is in reduced & indigent circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country. That in July 1776 at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina he enlisted in the regular service of the United States as a private in a company of infantry commanded by Capt. Thos Harris [Thomas Harris], which composed a part of the fourth North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thos Polk [Thomas Polk], which Regiment composed a part of the North Carolina line of Continental troops -- that he enlisted for the term of three years & continued to serve faithfully in behalf of the United States against the common enemy until the expiration of the term of service for which he enlisted, when he was regularly discharged from service by Colonel Thomas Clark at Paramus in the State of New York [sic] on the 10th day of May 1779. This discharge he is at this late day unable to produce, it having been lost through the lapse of time or destroyed by accident. That during the term of his service he was actively engaged in behalf of the United States, and was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. After applicant had served for some time in the said company commanded by Capt. Harris, he was transferred on the 28th day of June 1778 to a company of infantry commanded [by] Capt. John Summers which belonged to the first North Carolina Regiment of Continental troops. This affiant further states that he has never received a pension from the United States & he hereby releases all rights & claimed that he may have to a pension except to the one now requested for the services herein stated in this affidavit. He states that he is a citizen of the United States & of the State of Tennessee & lives in the County of Lincoln -- & prays to be placed on the pension list that he may receive a pension according to the provisions of an act of the last session of Congress providing a pension for poor & indigent revolutionary soldiers.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 28th of September 1818

S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge etc.

S/ Jesse Dodd, X his mark

State of Tennessee Lincoln County

This day personally appeared David Dodd before me Alfred M. Harris who being duly

sworn by me deposed & saith, that he enlisted a short time before the above affiant and served with him in the same company and knows that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true. Subscribed & sworn to before me this 25th of September 1818
S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge etc.

S/ David Dodd {Seal}

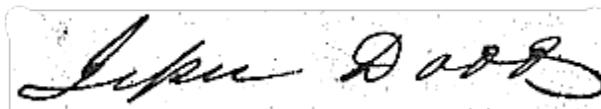


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State of Tennessee Lincoln County, Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions -- July Term 1820

On this 25th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record created by statute & of unlimited civil jurisdiction on the law side of said Court, for the said County Jesse Dodd, age sixty three years on the 12th day of this instant, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows, to wit, that he enlisted for three years on the sixth day of May 1776 in Captain Thomas Harris company in the fourth North Carolina Regiment on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk & was discharged the 11th day of May 1779, he was at the battle of Monmouth, and I do solemnly swear that I have been placed on the pension list roll of West Tennessee agency by pension certificate daring number 14,877 and that I made my original declaration for a pension on the 25th day of September 1818 and that I have no particular trade or profession and my family consist of my wife aged 58 years and infirm & one son named *Curtis aged 16 years and able to provide for himself, and I 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 other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision¹ of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & 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.*

S/ Jesse Dodd



25 acres of land worth two dollars per acre, two small mares worth about \$40 two cattle & calves, 15 head of hogs large & small, three axes, two hoes, two ploughs, one table, one chest, one pair drawing chains, two pots, one Dutch oven, one skillet, one cupboard, one loom, four chairs, one pewter dish, four pewter plates, six delph plates, two basins, six cups & saucers, two bottles, four small jugs, one decanter, one case knives & forks, three spoons, one pitcher, and one mug.

A true schedule of my property

S/ Jesse Dodd

[the veteran's property was valued at \$181]

¹ The language in italics is only found on the HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com versions of this file.

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this 5th day of November 1836 before me, the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Jesse Dodd who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Summers in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of Tennessee -- that he was afterwards transferred to the State of Alabama from whence he has lately removed: -- that he now resides in the State of Tennessee, Lincoln County, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. That his reasons for removing from Alabama to Tennessee our, that his wife having recently died, he has concluded to quit house-keeping and to live with his son and Tennessee. Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Dodd, X his mark

[p 17: Someone named Joel Dodd attested that Jesse Dodd is the same person who is a pensioner for his service in the Revolution. He signed his name with his mark.]

[p 41: On March 5, 1839 in Giles County Tennessee, the veteran applied for a new pension certificate. In this document the veteran states that he was in the company commanded by Captain Madearst [sic?] in Colonel Clark's regiment. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 25, 1818, full service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]