## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Peter Dunn VAS3450 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in two files.]

I Oliver Towles [BLWt2213-450] of the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby declare and make known to all whom it may concern That [I was] well acquainted with Captain Peter [several undeciphered words] the Continental Army [undeciphered word] the year one thousand seven hundred and [two undeciphered words] Lieutenant in one of the Companies [several undeciphered words] Battalion in which I commanded a Company [several undeciphered words] and seventy seven was advanced to the Rank of Captain and continued to serve in the same Battalion until the [the rest not legible enough for transcription] O. Towles Lt Col; [two undeciphered words]/ Shockley Towles

To Gov. David Campbell

Y'r. petitioner Eliza H. Scott respectfully states that she is the sole heir of Capt Peter Dunn, who entered the service in the Va. Cont. line early in the Revolution, and died in service.

The evidence herewith filed shews he died in the service, and also the period of commencement, 10 March 1776. Upon which y'r petitioner asks the additional Bounty.

Which is respectfully [undeciphered word] through her atto./ Thomas Green Allowance for 3 yrs bounty was made in 1797.

The Council Journals of 20 August & 17 Sept 1776 will shew that this Lieut Peter Dunn was of 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't. and was the same Capt Dunn who died in service T.G.

The voucher on which his land Bounty for 3 yrs was allowed is conclusive & positive that he died in service in 1777. T.G.

Sunday the 10th March 1776.

Capt [William] Gregory & Lieutenants Dunn & [John M.] Gregory, & Ensign Baily[?] of the Sixth Battalion, attended [undeciphered word] their Commissions, took the oath prescribed by Convention, & subsc[ribe]d the Articles of War. From page 43.

The foregoing is truly copied from the Journal of The Committee of Safety.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 25th day of March 1840.

Jas E Heath Aud

P.S. The above Lieut Dunn, in the Journal of Executive Council of 17 Sept 76 is named as Peter Dunn of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. T.G.

In this case it appears Capt Dunn entered the service in March 1776 making a service of seven years & seven months to the end of the war. The former allowance being for the war no additional one can be made March 26 1840. DG [Gov. David Campbell]

NOTE: According to F. B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, Peter Dunn was a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on 26 Feb 1776, was promoted to Captain on 22 June 1776, and died on 26 Dec 1777. Soldiers who died in service were considered to have served to the end of the war.