

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Caleb Dodson: R2996

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On this 25th day of September 1832. Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, Caleb Dodson a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty one years 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 being drafted the 1st of March 1779 and marched from the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in a Company of Militia which was commanded by Capt Peter Rogers Lieut. Anthony Irby and Ensign Peter Barksdale to Salisbury, North Carolina, where we joined a Regiment under Major [William] Hubbard Colo. [David] Mason and Colo. Burwell and were stationed there two or three weeks. from there we marched to Mecklenburg, NC. from thence to Camden South Carolina and from thence to Stono [Ferry] in said State and were stationed at that place until we had a severe battle with the british in the month of July [sic: 20 June] 1779. Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln was our chief Commander. Lieut Irby..... of the Company to which I was attached was shot through the knee and soon after died of the wound. we were defeated and retreated a small distance but remained in the neighbourhood of Stono until our term of service expired. I was discharged by Capt Rogers in the month of August 1779. the whole time of service rendered in this tour including the time of travelling home, was upwards of six months my discharge is lost and cannot be found, but the service rendered is proved by John Jones and Edward Henderson who were both soldiers with me in the same company and stationed at the same place. I was born in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia in the year 1752. I have no record of my age but know from the information obtained from my Parents that I was born in that year. I came to the County of Halifax when I was about 12 years old. I lived in that County when I entered the service of the Revolution. I lived in the same County when the war ended and have lived in the said County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Caleb hisXmark Dodson