

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dysart S3315

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State of Tennessee, Bedford County

On this 2nd day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before me James Ewing an acting justice of the peace in & for said County, John Dysart, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty-Two years & seven months, 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

I then lived in Burke County North Carolina on Muddy Creek. About the first of July 1776 I volunteered & was called into service under Captain Moore (who Moore was under the control of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]) in order to guard the frontiers of North Carolina from the Cherokee Indians until about the first of October following. During the summer of 1777, I volunteered to guard the frontiers of North Carolina under Captain Patton [probably Robert Patton]. In the spring of 1778, I was drafted for three months to go against the British who were then in South Carolina. I hired a substitute in my place & took the hiring to Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] who gave me a receipt for the tour. I also at that time took the Oath of Allegiance on the 26th May 1778 agreeable to law before McDowell & have got his receipt to prove the same at this time. In the year 1779 I was principally engaged [as] a volunteer in driving the Tories out of our State under Captain Sam Woods [Samuel Woods], Colonel & Major McDowell [Joseph McDowell] & General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. In the year 1780 I was a volunteer under Colonel & Major McDowell & Captain Woods & had an engagement on the head of Cane Creek in Burke County with Ferguson [sic, Patrick Ferguson] & his Army about the 20th September [sic, September 12, 1780] and were routed by Ferguson & had to retreat over the Blue Ridge [Mountains] on Holston River where we were joined with Col. Campbell [William Campbell], Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] & Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], with an Army of Eleven hundred men in all. The Army returned back about the last of September to Burke County & went on to King's Mountain where with our Army we defeated Ferguson & his Army [October 7, 1780]. I then returned home & stayed at home till the spring of 1781. I volunteered under Col. McDowell to pursue Lord Cornwallis in his march from Charlotte, North Carolina to Salisbury in Rowan County & went about eighty miles with Col. McDowell till we come to the bank of the ~~Catawba~~ Yadkin River where Cornwallis had killed General Davidson, my father, James Dysart, & my brother, William Dysart.¹ In 1779 or 1780 there were seven men of us hired by one man, betwixt us for Eighteen months to defend our Country from the British & Tories & delivered said hirelings into the hands of Col. McDowell. Said Dysart also saith that Mr. James Neil can certify that he saw him at

1 Applicant is describing battle of Cowan's Ford which occurred on February 1, 1781. This battle occurred on the Catawba River in North Carolina.

the battle of King's Mountain. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Said deponent saith that he believes that he spent two years & upwards in the Service of the United States. Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid. Also, further stateth I served as Orderly Sergeant about a year under Captain S. Woods.

S/ James Ewing, J. P.

S/ John Dysart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dysart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Question 1st : Where and in what year were you born? Answer: I was born in Chester County in Pennsylvania December 25 in the [year] 1749.

Question 2nd : Have you any record of your age & if so, where is it? Answer: I took it from my father's record in his Bible & entered it in my own family Bible record place.

Question 3rd : Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? Answer: I was living in Burke County North Carolina & sometime after the War I moved to Fayette County in Kentucky & from there I moved to Tennessee, Williams County, the year 1800 & in the year 1808 I moved into Bedford County on Rock Creek & lives here still.

Question 4th : How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? Answer: I first volunteered against the Indians to guard the frontiers on the head of the Catawba under Captain William Moore under General Rutherford & all my services was a volunteer only once I was drafted for three months & I hired a Substitute & got Colonel McDowell's receipt for my Substitute.

Question 5th : State the names of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you Served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Service. Answer: Col. McDowell & Major McDowell were our officers & were my officers most of the time I was in the Service. I served under Captain William Moore & Captain Robert Patton & also Captain Samuel Woods. I was in a skirmish at the head of Cane Creek where Col. McDowell got defeated by Ferguson; was then [sic] went over the Blue Ridge where we collected more forces: Colonel Campbell, Colonel Shelby & Colonel Sevier returned with Col. McDowell & followed Ferguson & overtook him at King's Mountain where we defeated him which battle I was in. Col. Campbell was commander & he held a court martial and hung nine of the Tories & twenty which was [sic] condemned was released from being hung.

Question 6th : Did you ever receive a Discharge from the Service & if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer: I did not receive any Discharge my services were volunteer & I continued until the End of the War nor [did I receive] much if any pay for the Services.

Question 7th : State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present Neighborhood and who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer James Neill Senior was with me in the battle of King's Mountain, Francis H. Woods, Reverend Thomas J. Hall, Allen Lieper [?], William Martin, Gasham Bills (Frederick Fisher² was also at the King's Mountain battle), Robert Hunter, John Orr, John Ramsey, John Donney, David Appleby, John Appleby, Albert Anderson, James Miller, John Irving, Jonathan Browne, William Brechen Sr. Joseph Brechen & numerous men might be named.

Sworn to & subscribed before me August 2nd, 1832.

S/ Jas. Ewing, J. P.

S/ John Dysart

[John Orr, Richard McRee, Thomas Hall, Allen Leeper and John Ramsey gave the standard supporting

affidavit.]

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An amendment to the declaration of John Dysart heretofore made before James Ewing Esquire one of the Acting Justices of the peace for Bedford County on the second day of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the seventh of June 1832.

State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for said County John Dysart Senior who Subscribed and was qualified to the declaration above attested to, who after being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the following periods and in the following grades, to wit, that he served not less than three months as a private soldier and volunteer in Captain Moore's company as mentioned in his former declaration, and that he served not less than six months as a private soldier and volunteer under Captain Patton in the year 1777, and that he served not less than six months under Captain Wood in the year 1779 as a Sergeant and volunteer that he served not less than six months in the year 1780 as a Sergeant in the same Company under Captain Wood, making in the whole a term of not less than twenty-one months actual Service in the War of the Revolution for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ephraim Hunter, JP

S/ John Dysart

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 6th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me James Ewing a Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County James Neill Senior aged about 82 years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state as follows: I was acquainted with John Dysart before the revolutionary war and was with him in the Indian War, and was also with him in a skirmish on Caine Creek [sic] with Ferguson in which we were rather Defeated & went over the mountain & collected more forces and returned and overtook Ferguson at Kings Mountain where I seen him and active good Soldier & I believe that he was generally in the service allong [along] for some years about the close of the War both against the Indians, Tories and the British.

Sworn to before [me] the Day and year above written.

S/ Jas. Ewing, JP

S/ James Neill, X his mark

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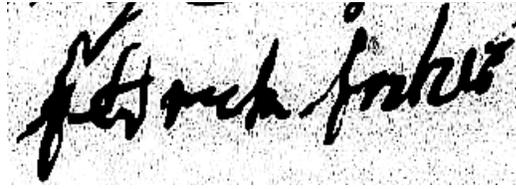
State of Tennessee Maury County: I Frederick Fisher seventy-two years old age Citizen of the aforesaid County doth hereby certify That in the time of the revolutionary War I lived in Washington County Virginia on Holston [River]. I volunteered & went over the mountain, after the British & we overtook Ferguson at King's Mountain in which Battle I was shot through the knee and was afterward stabbed with the bayonet & am now a pensioner on the Government, I was not been acquainted with Mr. John Dysart until we met in this neighborhood some years ago and in conversation with him & the circumstances which he named to me, I must believe that he was at war in the Battle against Ferguson at Kings Mountain and that he also must have also seen made their from the Circumstances which in our conversation has related to me.

Given under my hand this seventh of August 1832.

Witness present

S/ Jas. Ewing

S/ Frederick Fisher

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "George Jones".

[Veteran died September 10, 1842.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and as a Sergeant for 12 months in the North Carolina service.]