

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Duncan S42188

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Huntingdon County

State of Pennsylvania SS

Be it Remembered that on the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen before me David Stewart one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Huntingdon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Personally appeared Robert Duncan of the Township of Hopewell in the said County of Huntingdon, and a resident Citizen of the United States and being duly sworn according to law doth and did declare and say that he entered into the army of the united Colonies raised for the defence of American Liberty and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof as a private soldier in a Company of Infantry under Captain Bettis [sic: William Beatty, Jr], belonging to the Seventh Maryland Regiment, In the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six, That whilst he under the Command of said Bettis he was in the Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], where his Captain was slain, and was succeeded in the Command of said Company by his Brother Lieut Bettis. That he served under him in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and the White Plains [28 Oct 1776], also in [Gen. Horatio] Gates's Defeat in South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], Guildford Court House [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. That he was wounded in the knee at Gates's defeat in South Carolina by a Rifle or musket Ball. That his feet were Badly Frozen whilst Guarding the Fort at Staten Island. That he served in the army of the United Colonies afterwards the army of the United States of America for and during the Term of Seven years and upwards when he was honorably discharged at Annapolis in the State of Maryland, which discharge was washed in the Pocket of his overhals about three months after he received it. And that he hath no Pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States, to his knowledge, and if any such exists he doth hereby fully and entirely release the same to the United States. That he is now about sixty four years of age and by reason of his reduced Circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance from his Country for support. Robert hisXmark Duncan

Huntingdon County Ss

Before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common [sic] in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Duncan of said County and being first duly sworn before me deposed and saith that Robert Duncan the above applicant enlisted in Captain Bettis's Company in the service of the United States in Fredrick Town [sic: Frederick] in the State of Maryland in August one thousand seven hundred and seventy six and continued upwards of seven years in the Army of the United States untill the war ended. Sworn and subscribed this tenth day of November A.D. 1818.

James hisXmark Duncan

United States

4th Judicial district of Pennsylvania

Huntingdon County SS

at a Court of Common Pleas holden this day (to wit) Sixteenth day of August Eighteen Hundred and twenty at Huntingdon in and for said County (being a Court of Record) personally appeared Robert Dunken of Hopewell Township, Huntingdon County aforesaid who being duly Sworn deposed and Saith and on his oath aforesaid doth declare and Say that he Enlisted as a Soldier in the revolutionary war for during the war in a Company Commanded by Captain Bettis in the Regiment Called the 7th Regiment in the Maryland line Commanded by Colonel Stewart as set forth in his declaration originally made the date of which he doth not now recollect but believes it was some time in April 1818 which declaration was

forwarded to the war department and on which a pension Certificate was Issued to the said Robert Dunken dated the 14th day of April 1818 Signed J C Calhoun, Secretary of the war which Certificate is numbered 5108 and is in possession of the said declairent who in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 20th [sic: 1st] of May 1820 makes the following declaration on oath (to wit) I Robert Dunken do Sware 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 manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the Land and navel Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed the 18th day of March 1818 that I have not nor has any person or persons in trust for me any property or securities Contracts or debts due me nor have I any Income other than which is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed the said declarant also states that he is sixty five years of age that he has no trade but sometimes works at daily Labour but that owing to his advanced age is unable to obtain a lively hood thereby for himself & family which consists of himself & a wife named Margaret Dunken aged about Fifty years who is unable to contribute very Little to their support

Robert hisXmark Dunken

A Schedule of Declarants Property Beds & Bedding Excepted

1 Rifle Gun	\$12.00
1 Shot Gun	2.00
1 Stove	12.00
1 old case Knife	— .06
1 Pen Knife	— .25
1 old Iron Pot	— .12½
1 axe	<u>1.00</u>
	\$27.43½

Debts Due by Petitioner

James Entreken	\$18.00
Wm Engcart	4.50
Henry Summers	2.50
Widow Summers	.53
— Fless	<u>1.00</u>
	\$26.53

Robert hisXmark Dunken

NOTE: A Treasury-Department documents states that two of the four children of Robert Duncan received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 26 April 1839.