

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Dillard S6797

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: to wit

On this Eleventh day of July Anno Domino 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Henry DeSaussure one of the Chancellors of the said State in open court being a Court of Chancery now sitting for the district and State aforesaid, Capt. James Dillard a resident of Laurens District in the State of South Carolina aged Seventy seven or Seventy eight 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

This applicant was born in Culpepper County in the State of Virginia in the year 1755 or 1756 according to the information derived from his parents, having in his possession no record of his age. That he was living at the time he entered the service in what was then called Ninety Six District in the State of S. Carolina, near where he now lives and where he has continued to live to this day. I enlisted under Capt. Perishoof¹ in Col. William Thomson's [William Thomson's] Regiment of State Troops at Ninety Six otherwise called Cambridge in S. Carolina for six months, served time in the month of September 1775 and at the time of the Drayton Campaign in that part of the State. That he was marched with a detachment of State Troops under the command of Col. Thompson from Ninety Six to Dorchester in S. Carolina where he was stationed for the protection of the magazine at that place until the expiration of his tour of service which was in March 1776. Immediately upon the expiration of his first term of service he again enlisted under Capt. Perishoof [sic, Peyer Imhoff] in the same company and Regiment of State Troops commanded by the same officers for the term of eighteen months. During this tour of service he was marched from Dorchester to the 10 mile house near Charleston where we were stationed for some time and during that time Capt. Perishoof died and was succeeded by Capt. Brown—While stationed at the 10 Mile house an express arrived and we were marched in the night time to Charleston where we arrived about sunrise in the morning and after receiving some refreshment we were carried over to Sullivan's Island, Fort Moultrie—Genl Lee [Charles Lee] was at this time commander in chief at Charleston. Col. Moultrie [William Moultrie] had the immediate command at Fort Moultrie posted by Major Marion [Francis Marion]. He was in the engagement in which Sir Peter Parker was repulsed in

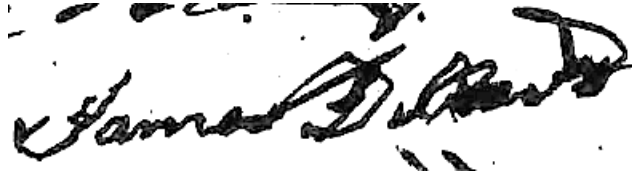
1 John Lewis Peyer Imhoff (1738-c 1776). Bobby Gilmer Moss, *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution* (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983) 483.

his attack upon Fort Moultrie in June 1776. Sometime after this engagement we were removed to Charleston, from there to the 10 Mile house from the 10 Mile house we were marched to Nelson's Ferry on Santee River from thence to Purrysburg on Savannah River and after lying there a short time we were marched back to Nelson's Ferry on Santee River. From that place we were marched to Granby where we remained until he was discharged to the best of his recollection in September 1776. During the next Spring this applicant volunteered his services in Capt. Josiah Greer's company of Militia, in Col. James Williams' Regiment, Robert McCrary Lieut. Col. and Received the appointment of Sergeant Major and served during this expedition to Florida under the Command of Genl. Andrew Williamson. This expedition proceeded beyond St. Mary's River and then returned to S. Carolina after a tour of better than four months where this applicant was again discharged. After his return from Florida he again volunteered under Col. McCrary [Robert McCrary or McCreary or McCreery] and served a tour of one month in pursuit of Col. Boyd who commanded a detachment of Tories. He next volunteered as a private under Capt. Thomas McCrary and served three months on the Indian frontier as a militiaman to prevent the Tories and Indians from molesting the people of the State. After the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] he took refuge in N. Carolina until about the first of August 1781 (sic, 1780) when he joined Col. James Williams and was elected a captain in his regiment and received a commission signed by Governor Rutledge, which has been lost or mislaid—With this Regiment he was marched to Kings Mountain and with the commands of Cols. Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Sevier [John Sevier] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] participated in the Victory gained over Col. Ferguson [Major Patrick Ferguson] at that place [October 7, 1780] where his Col. James Williams was killed. After this action Col. Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes] succeeded to the command of the Regiment and this applicant continued in his command of captain with the same Regiment employed in almost constant service to the close of the war. During the time Col. Hayes commanded the Regiment this applicant was engaged under the command of Col. Washington [William Washington] of the Continental line in a battle in which the Tories were defeated at Bush River and at the taking of Williams' Fort [December 31st, 1780]. He was also at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under the command of Genl. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in which Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] was defeated when he received a gunshot wound—He was also in the Siege of 96 [May 22-June 19, 1781] under Genl. Green [Nathanael Greene] and was in command of the same company. In the close of the year 1781 Col. Hayes was killed, and was succeeded by Col. Levi Casey—under him the Regiment proceeded under Genl. Andrew Pickens to Edisto River where they defeated the Tories under Col. Cunningham and this applicant was again wounded—He also received two other wounds, saber cuts, and skirmishes with the Indians—After he recovered of his wound he was sent by Col. Casey with a part of his company to join Genl. Pickens in an expedition to the Cherokee Nation to compel them to deliver up Tories who had taken refuge there. This tour was about two months and during the time a treaty of peace was made with the Indians. This was the last service this applicant performed and was in the year 1783—This applicant received a discharge but it has been lost or destroyed and has no other papers relating to his services than is herewith forwarded— He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He refers to the Rev. John B. Kennedy, Robert Long Esquire, Golding Tinsley, James Tinsley & Thomas Entrekin to testify as to his services & character.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

W. R. Farlie,[?]

S/ James Dillard



Commissioner in Equity

[John B. Kennedy, a clergyman and Robert Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of Laurens District in the State aforesaid James Dillard who being duly sworn on oath saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades – for two years and six months I served as a private – for five months I served as a Sergeant Major and for two years and six months I served as a Captain, and for such Service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and Subscribed the 11th day of July 1833.

Before me

S/ James Dillard

S/ Robt. Long, JP

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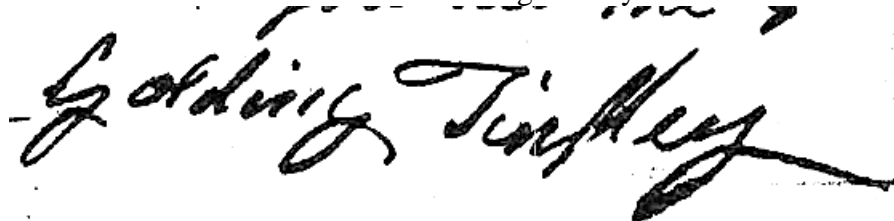
South Carolina, Spartanburg District

Personally appeared Golding Tinsley² before me Joel Dean one of the Justices of the peace for the District aforesaid and Truly made Oath he was acquainted with Captain James Dillard during the revolution war that he saw him at Moors defeat [sic, Moore's Defeat] & had the Command of a Company & bore the Title of Captain – he also saw him at the taking of Williams' Fort and at the Battle of the Cowpens where Tarleton was defeated & he further says that he has just grounds to believe & does believe that he Served as a Captain to the End of the War. Sworn to before me is eighth day of July 1833.

before me

S/ Joel Dean, JP

S/ Golding Tinsley



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State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared Robert Long³ [indecipherable word or words] before me Thomas B. Lockhart one of the justices of the peace in and for the district aforesaid who being duly sworn on his oath saith he was well acquainted with James

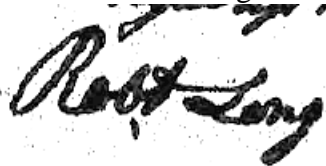
² [Golding Tinsley S18246](#)

³ [Robert Long S7157](#)

Dillard, under whom he served during the Revolutionary war as a Captain in the Militia of South Carolina and that he continued in said Commission until the end of the war, particularly under Colonel James Williams of the Little River Regiment of Militia, after his Colonel J. Williams death then under Colonel Joseph Hayes until his death; & then under Colonel Levi Casey of said Regiment till the end of the war; that he was with him in several Battles against the British and Tories. Sworn to and subscribed the 11th day of July in the year 1833 before me.

S/ Thomas B. Lockhart, JP

S/ Robt. Long



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South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared Robert Hanna⁴ a citizen of Laurens District and State aforesaid before me W. W. Hitch a justice of Peace of Laurens District and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn as the law directs on his oath saith, that he is in his seventy-fourth year of age and was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and became acquainted with James Dillard some years previous to the fall of Charleston in the year '80 and has been intimately acquainted with him ever since. That he saw James Dillard during the War and was frequently with him in the war, and saw James Dillard commanding his company often as a Captain. That he is sure he was a Captain in said war and was acknowledged as such by the men he commanded. He further states that James Dillard is a Citizen of Laurens District and state aforesaid and that he served as a Captain in the Little River Regiment at least two years and six months first under the command of Colonel James Williams in said Regiment until he was killed at King's Mountain, and then under the command of Colonel Joseph Hayes who succeeded Williams in command till he was killed at Little River, and then under the command of Colonel Levi Casey of said Regiment till the end of the War. He further states that he never heard it doubted by any person but that James Dillard served as a Captain in the said Revolutionary War.

S/ Robert Hanna



Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 11th of April in the year 1834.

S/ W. W. Hitch, JP

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South Carolina, Newberry District

Personally appeared Thomas Denson⁵ a citizen of Newberry District and State aforesaid before me James Prewit a justice of Peace of Said State and district aforesaid, who

⁴ [Robert Hanna S22290](#)

⁵ [Thomas Denson R13729](#)

being duly sworn as the Law directs on his oath saith that he is in his 73rd year of age, and was a Soldier in the old Revolutionary War, and has been acquainted with James Dillard of Laurens District and State aforesaid ever since before the Revolutionary War and has been intimately acquainted with him ever since. He further states that James Dillard of Laurens District and State aforesaid was a Captain in said War of the Little River Regiment under the command first of Colonel James Williams of said Regiment until the Battle of Kings Mountain at which Colonel James Williams was killed, and then he served as a Captain in said Regiment under the command of Colonel Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes] who succeeded Williams in command till he the said Colonel Joseph Hayes was killed at Bush River and then James Dillard served as a Captain in said Regiment under the command of Colonel Levi Casey who succeeded Hayes in command till the end of the War and he further states that he saw James Dillard at the Siege of Ninety Six (now Cambridge) commanding his company under the command of Colonel Levi Casey. He also states that he was with James Dillard of Laurens District and State aforesaid a good deal of the time of the war and was frequently commanded by him as a Captain in the said war that he knows to his certain knowledge that he served as a regular commissioned Captain in said Regiment under the above named officers in the revolutionary War at least two years and six months.

S/ Thomas Denson, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the eighteenth day of April in the year 1834.

S/ James Prewit, JP

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South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared John Farrow⁶ a Citizen of Laurens District and State aforesaid before me Robert Cunningham a justice of Peace for said State and District aforesaid who being duly sworn as law directs on his oath saith that he is in his seventy-seventh year of age and was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war and he became acquainted with James Dillard of Laurens District and State aforesaid shortly after the fall of Charleston and has been intimately acquainted with him ever since, that James Dillard was a Captain and that he was called Captain by the men he commanded and that he verily believes he was a commissioned Captain in the Little River Regiment under the command of Colonel James Williams till the death of Col. James Williams at Kings Mountain and then he served as a Captain under the command of Colonel Joseph Hayes who succeeded Williams in command of said Regiment until he was killed at Little River then he continued to serve under the command of Colonel Levi Casey in said Regiment till the end of the War, during the command of Colonel Levi Casey he was with James Dillard in a scrimmage with the Tories on Edisto ~~River~~ and in that scrimmage James Dillard commanded his company and received a wound. He further states that he never heard it doubted by any person but that James Dillard served as a Captain in the War, and he is certain knowledge he served at least as Captain at least two years and six months.

S/ John Farrow



Sworn to and Subscribed or me month of ninth of April 1834

⁶ [John Farrow S21193](#)

S/ Robert Cunningham

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[verbatim transcription as written, spelled and punctuated]

Dr Sr, After compliments to you and family I hereby Inform
you that, I have appointed the officers of my Regt.

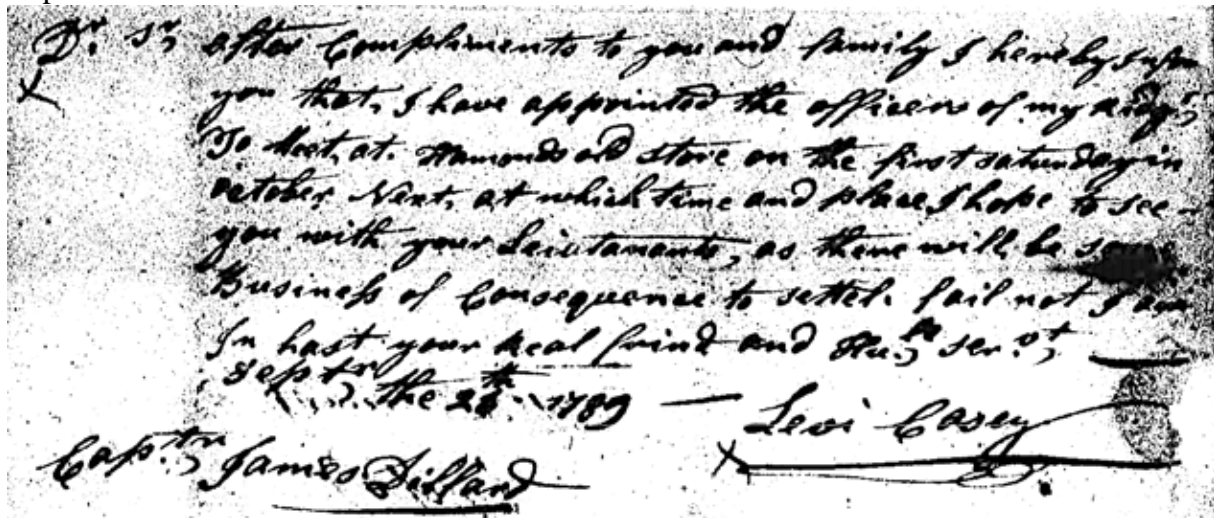
To Meet at Homonds old store on the first Saturday in
October Next, at which time and place I hope to see
you with your Leiutanants, as there will be some
Business of Consequence to settel, fail not I am

In hast your Real frind and Hu^{bl} Ser^{vt},

Sept the 26th 1789 [?]

Levi Casey

Capt. James Dillard



The image shows a handwritten letter on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. The letter is signed 'Levi Casey' and dated 'Sept the 26th 1789'. The recipient's name, 'Capt. James Dillard', is written in the bottom left corner of the letter.

[p 53: Records in the office of the Comptroller of SC]

Captain James Dillard, pay roll under Col. Levi Casey from 24th April 1782 to 8 June 1782 –
45 days.

Colonel Casey orders Captain James Dillard to prepare a wagon & driver to go to head
quarters 22nd of June 1782.

Col. Casey orders Captain James Dillard to take into possession all the horses & make return
of them according to law 23rd of April 1782.

Colonel Casey orders Captain James Dillard to call a muster & draft or otherwise order 1/3 of
his company to hold themselves in readiness to march on 15th instant to the Cherokees &
provide flour &c for 60 days provisions for each man 7th of August 1782.

Col. Casey authorizes Captain James Dillard to organize a scouting party to range on the
frontiers of Little River Regiment or any where &c 23rd of August 1783.

On S. C. Rolls James Dillard 24 July 76, Corpl. 20th Apl. 1777 Disch'd 31 May 1777.

Robt. Long a Pensioner under the Act 1832 at \$40 declares he served under Captain James Dillard from 1780 to close of War; he also saith he (Long) was in the Florida campaign 4 months.

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"James Dillard died up for December 1836, paid in full.
S/ Robt J. Atkinson [?]"

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State of South Carolina District of Laurens

It is hereby certified that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me WD Watts Judge of the Court of Ordinary which court is a Court of record that Captain James Dillard was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$160 per annum and that he has died on the 4th day of October 1836 leaving surviving the following children to wit: Samuel Dillard; Charles H. Dillard, James H. Dillard, May Garrett, Priscilla Garrett, Jane Burke, Nancy E. Boyce, Narcissa Duckett & Sarah E. Byrd and that Jane Burke, Priscilla Garritt, & Samuel Dillard have since died. He also left a widow who died sometime in the year 1840 the only surviving children of the aforesaid Captain James Dillard and over 21 years of age.

That Captain James Dillard left a well and that James H. Dillard & Samuel Dillard was named as his Executors & both qualified to execute the Trust.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office the 13th day of December 1854 at Laurens Court house in open Court.

S/ W. D. Watts, Judge

[NOTE: Note in file states that Dillard died October 4 or December 4, 1836, 'both dates are shown'.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$513.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sgt. and Lieut. and Capt. in the South Carolina militia. Said pension represents an increase in the initial amount awarded the veteran of \$160 per annum.]