Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Durdin (Durden) S6807 f18NC Transcribed by Alta M. Durden & Debra LaMel posted 5/6/09 Page 1 Service Number N. C. S. 6807 Born in N. C. carded Page 2 MISSISSIPPI 13357 JOHN DURDIN Simpson Co. in the State of Mississippi Who was a Private in the Co. commanded By Captain Williams of the Reg't. commanded by Gen'l Caswell in the North Carolina line for One Year. Inscribed on the Roll of Mississippi At the rate of 40. Dollars 00. Cents per annum, To Commence on the 4th day of March, 1834. Certificate of Pension issued the 3 day of July, 1833 and sent to C. K. Brown, Westville, S. Co. Miss. Arrears to the 4th of Mar. 33 80.00 Semi-anl, allowance ending 4 Sept. 1833 20.00 \$100.00 Revolutionary Claim, Act June 7, 1832 Recorded by Wm. B. Palmer, Clerk, Book E Vol. 8, Page 67. _____ Note: Next column per letter Oct. 10, 1834 to P. Agt. [Pension Agent] Letter to Pen. Agt. & 3rd Auditor 15 June 1841

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Sir: The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subscribed notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus -}). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A STATEMENT showing the Service of John Durdins, Simpson Cty., Mississippi

Period when this service was rendered: Vol. 1778

Duration of the claimant's service:

3 months

3 months

Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served:

Cap't Williams, Lieut. Pittman

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Rank of claimant: Pr.

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Names and Rank of the General and Field officers: Gen'l Caswell

Battles in which the applicant was engaged: (blank)

Country through which he marched: N. Carolina

Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period:

70 Daubs (Dobbs) County, N. Carolina

Evidence by which the declaration is supported: Traditionary

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I am, respectfully, Your obedient servant, J. L. EDWARDS, Commissioner of Pensions.

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT SIMPSON COUNTY. AT OCTOBER TERM 1832

$\frac{\text{DECLARATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT OF}}{\text{CONGRESS PASSED JUNE THE } 7^{\text{TH}} \underline{1832}}$

On this the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two (1832) personally appeared in open court before the honorable Edward Turner, presiding judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Mississippi, and now holding the October Term 1832 of the Circuit Court of the said County of Simpson and State

aforesaid, now sitting, JOHN DURDIN, a resident of the said County of Simpson and State aforesaid, aged seventy (70) 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, the said JOHN DURDIN, entered the service of [the United]¹ States about the year 1778 as a volunteer commanded by Captain Williams under Gen'l Richard Caswell in which campaign he served three months or more. That he was afterwards drafted and went out and served another tour of three months under Richard Caswill, Junior [sic, Richard Caswell, Jr.] and under a Lieutenant Pitman. That he was frequently called out and went out to defend the Country in times of excitement or danger. That he was out in the service at different times but so long ago that he has forgotten where he marched or the names of his officers. That he is confident he was engaged in the said service in all more than one year, probably between one and two years. That he recollects of marching during said service to Newburntown [sic, New Bern town] in North Carolina, thence to Wilmington where they built a fort.

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That he was born, and at that time resided in Daubs [sic, Dobbs] County in the State of North Carolina. That he stood as a minuteman a great part of the Revolutionary War, ready to go into the service when called on. He was in the service when the British marched through North Carolina & was at that time in another command of Cap't. Williams, Lieutenant Pitman and Gen. Caswell. That he recollects that young Caswell was taken by what was called the SUSKS [? LUSKS, LUSK [?]. That he continued in said service until about the close of the war. That he recollects the names of Lieutenant Wardell [Waddell?] and Insign [Ensign] Smith with whom he served.

That he was born at the place above stated but has no record of his age. Lived Daubs [Dobbs] County, North Carolina when called into the service and have since lived in the State of Louisiana and the State of Mississippi.

That he, the said JOHN DURDIN, has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And that 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 of the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before E. TURNER, Presiding Judge.

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JOHN

X DURDIN

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Supplemented by Will Graves

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We William Morris a clergyman and Nathaniel Freeman both residing in the County of Simpson and State of Mississippi aforesaid do hereby certify on oath that we are well acquainted with John Durdin who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that

¹ Text erased for some reason—probably evidence of doubt as to whether or not service in the Militia constituted 'service of the US.'

we believe him to be 70 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before.

S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge

S/ Wm Morris

S/ N. Freeman [Attested by John R. Hubert, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Simpson County Mississippi.]

The State of Mississippi Simpson County: In the Court of Probates At May Term 1833 Supplementary declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this twenty seventh day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before his honor Bruster [sic, Brewster] H. Jayne Judge of the Court of Probates of the County of Simpson and State aforesaid now sitting John Durden [sic] a resident of the said County of Simpson 70 years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one made by him in the Circuit Court of said County on the 15th day of October 1832 which is hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1778 he the said John Durdin volunteered and entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the revolutionary war under Capt. Williams in what was then called Daubs [sic, Dobbs] County in North Carolina and under General Richard Caswell, but in what particular Regiment he served or by what Major or Col. he was commanded (by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now recollect) and served in the above named service as aforesaid during the period of three months with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority. That during said three months of service he march from the said Daubs County to Newberntown [New Bern] in N.C. thence through the woods by the seaboard to Wilmington, where he remained with the Army in said service for the said period of three months; during which time he and the other soldiers were engaged in building a Fort near the mouth of Cape fair River [sic, Cape Fear River]. And almost immediately on his return to Daubs County he the said John Durdin was drafted by the officers of the United States and again entered said service and served as a private for the period of three months under Lieut. Pitman and General Caswell, but that he cannot recollect the name of his Regiment nor of his Major or Col. In which last mentioned tour he march in said service from Daubs County NC where he resided two Kingston [sic, Kinston] N.C. thence to what was called the red banks and continued to serve in said war at that time for three months in addition to the three months service named in the former part of this declaration. That soon after he returned home to Daubs County say in the year 1779 or 1780, he again entered the service as a private soldier but that he does not recollect whether he volunteered or was drafted under the same officers under whom he had before served to wit Lieut. Pittman and General Caswell, but that he cannot recollect the number of the Regiment in which he served or the names of his Col. or Major. In which last mentioned engagements in said service he continued and served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority until the close of the said revolutionary war in which said last mentioned tour he thinks he served six months and in which he march[ed] from Kingston to the red banks on Cape fair River Tar River. That he recollects that he was in said service with the Army between Kingston and Tar River when the British march[ed] through that State on their march to Little Yourk [sic, York,

Yorktown] in the State of Virginia. That during all of said service he was in no considerable battles. That he the said John Durden was born about the year 1762 in Daubs County North Carolina at which place he resided when when he was called into said service. That he has no record of his age. That since the Revolutionary war he has lived in Daubs County aforesaid & in the State of Georgia, in the State of Louisiana, and where he now lives in the County of Simpson in the State of Mississippi. That he received several written discharges from said service but by reason of old age he cannot recollect by whom they were given -- all of which are long since destroyed and lost.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid in Presence of S/ Brewster H. Jayne S/ John Durdin, X his mark

Judge of the Court of Probate

for the County of Simpson

[James Courtney, a clergyman, and Alexander McCaskill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]