

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Dunn W286

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State of Tennessee, Knox County

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Zac Boothe an acting Justice of the Peace for said County William Dunn a citizen of said County, aged 81 years, who having been sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 – That he was born in Bristol, England, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1751 – that he came to the United States in a vessel called the *Woods*, in the capacity of a cabin boy, when he was about 14 years old – that he landed at Philadelphia and being displeased with his Captain he pretty soon ran away and engaged himself to live with George Haywood who then lived in the State of New Jersey – about two years after he went to live with Haywood, he, Haywood, moved to Caroline County Virginia and applicant continued to live with him until he enlisted in the said County of Caroline into the Army of the United States, into a company commanded by Captain Thomas Howard, who was attached he thinks to a Battalion commanded by Major George Vibe [?] Stubblefield,<sup>1</sup> and to a Regiment commanded by Colonel George Baylor, which applicant thinks was the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – Applicant states that from his extreme age and the long time which has elapsed since his services were performed, that he now has but a confused and indistinct recollection of the various incidents of his said service – he recollects however distinctly that the time of his enlistment was for three years or during the war he does not know the year when he enlisted, but he well recollects that he was in the battle of Monmouth which he understands was in the year 1778 – he also recollects that he was afterwards at the storming of Stony Point under General Wayne – he was under the impression that he went as a volunteer in this battle and does not recollect whether his own officers were there or not – he also recollects that he was at Camden S. C. at the time of Gates defeat – that he was there taken prisoner and carried to Charleston where he was put on board a prison ship and detained there two or three months, when his only alternative appeared to be an enlistment in the British service with a prospect of deserting them and again joined the American Army, or starvation as a prisoner – he chose the first and enlisted into the British service with the determination of deserting them the first opportunity – he thinks he marched from Charleston with a British Battalion under Major Andrew Maxfield to the possession of Fort Hampton<sup>2</sup> – a few days after we had taken possession of Fort Hampton, applicant deserted from the British Army, and joined the American troops then lying at or near to 96 – applicant believes the first engagement he was in after joining the American Army was at the Cowpens, he thinks that before this battle he had joined again his own company under Captain Howard – applicant states that after the war is battle he marched up through North Carolina with the prisoners and after this he cannot recollect distinctly the incidents of his service, until the capture of Cornwallis – he states that he was at the siege of York until Cornwallis surrendered, when he marched as a guard to some prisoners taken there to Winchester Virginia, where after remaining some time, he was discharged by Major George Vibe Stubblefield – applicant states that he served in the Army of the United States more than three years – he states that he is so old and extremely infirm, that he has forgotten all the the trifling incidents of his service, and only recollects the most important that occurred during his said service – he recollects of seeing while in service – Generals Washington, Greene, Wayne, Lafayette, DeKalb, Morgan, Poor, Lee and some other inferior officers, and served with the troops under their command – applicant cannot recollect whether he was ever transferred from his own Regiment to another, but of this he is not certain – applicant thinks that he has no record of his

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1 Heitman lists a Major George Stubblefield in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

2 Charles Baxley notes: "I wonder if "Fort Hampton" is not really Granby and his CO wasn't Maj. Arthur Maxwell, the CO of Granby.....Wade Hampton was contracted to supply the garrison at Granby for a time I seem to remember."

age but from the information of his Parents is for he left England he believes he was born in the year 1751 – Applicant states that shortly after his discharge he moved to Greenbrier County Virginia, where he lived several years when he moved to Greene County Tennessee where he lived a few years when he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he has lived for upwards of 40 years and where he now lives – applicant states that he received a discharge at the time he left the service, at Winchester, was from Major George Vibe Stubblefield, which discharge was destroyed by the burning of his house several years ago – he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833.

S/ William Dunn

S/ Zac Boothe, JP of Knox County

[Applicant died on December 19, 1837; his widow's name was Katharine or Catharine (maiden name not in file). They had the following children:

Nancy born August 8, 1783

Thomas –February 9, 1785

Jonathan—December 29, 1788

Mary-- September 15, 1789

William—October 20, 1791

Bidiford—December 31, 1793

Elisabeth—April 9, 1796

Isabell—June 15, 1799

Anna—June 29, 1801

John—February 28, 1804

A daughter—October 20, 1806.]