

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Dunbar W3879 Mary Shackelford fn30SC
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Thomas Dunbar of the Parish of Saint Philips Charleston -- Bachelor & Mary Withers of the Parish of Prince George -- Spinster -- were married in the Dwelling-House of Mrs. Eliz: Withers of the Parish of Prince George -- widow -- by license this 2nd day of September Anno Domini 1784 by me S. F. Warren of the Parish of St. James's Santee – Clerk.

Tho. Dunbar

Mary Withers

This marriage was solemnized between the us in the presence of John Buchanan and Will Withers

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an entry made in a Book now in my possession titled "Register of Marriages same James Santee -- Craven County -- Given under my hand the 26 day of May 1845

S/ Thomas Labie [?], Ordinary

State of Georgia McIntosh County

I Mary Shackelford heir at law of Thomas Dunbar, do upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief that the said Thomas Dunbar served as a Lieutenant in the South Carolina Line in the Revolution; but as to the date of his entering the service and his term of service, this Deponent cannot speak with certainty, but would refer to the Records of the proper Department in Washington, where the name of said Thomas Dunbar his return among those entitled to bounty land from the United States. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the said Thomas Dunbar on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore

Know all men by these Presents, that I Mary Shackelford aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint P G Washington to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the gratuity of land due to me as aforesaid -- with power of substitution, for the special purposes aforesaid.

S/ Mary Shackelford

State of Georgia McIntosh County: Personally appeared before me Samuel Palmer one of the Justices of the Inferior Court for said County Mrs. Mary Shackelford a resident of the said County and State aged about eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to

certain widows," That she was married to Thomas Dunbar in the Parish of Prince George Winyaw in the State of South Carolina on the 2nd day of September A.D. 1784 by the Reverend Samuel F. Warren, as appears by the Parish Register regularly kept, and now deposited in the office of the Ordinary for Charleston District in the State of South Carolina. That the said Thomas Dunbar was a Captain or at least commanded a company in the United States Army during the Revolutionary War; but what the nature of the service in which he was engaged this Deponent cannot say, as he had resigned his commission before their marriage; but is satisfied that he must have served several years but presumes that the records of the War Department would afford the best information on this point. That her husband the said Thomas Dunbar died about the year 1790. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated. This Deponent further swears that she removed to the State of Georgia from South Carolina in the year 1835; that she believes that the said Thomas never during his lifetime received the bounty to which he was entitled as an Officer of the Revolution, nor any equivalent or commutation thereof -- nor has she this Deponent since his death. This Deponent further swears that from her extreme age and consequent bodily infirmity, she is unable to leave her place of residence to make this her affidavit in open Court.

S/ Mary Shackelford

United States of America: South Carolina District

Personally appeared the Reverend P. Trapier Keith assistant minister of St. Michael's Church in the City of Charleston, who being duly sworn deposeseth, That he is personally acquainted with Mrs. Mary Shackelford the widow of Francis Shackelford, and formerly the widow of Thomas Dunbar an officer of the Revolution. That Francis Shackelford the last husband of Mrs. Mary Shackelford died in the year 1805 or thereabouts, as Deponent as far back as his recollection extends always remembers the said Mary Shackelford as a widow. This Deponent further swears that the said Mary Shackelford widow, is quite old and infirm.

S/ P. Trapier Keith