

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Dillard W7020

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Transcribed by Will Graves

Georgia, Elbert County

James Dillard of said State and County came personally before me and being duly Sworn saith that he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Army of the United States on the Continental Establishment on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781, in which capacity he served for & during the Term of Twelve Months, that he was a private in a company Commanded by Captain Alexander Prevard [sic, Alexander Brevard] and attached to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Armstrong of the North Carolina Line: that he was regularly discharged in the State of South Carolina not far from the City of Charleston, at the expiration of Twelve months from the time he entered the Service, that in the lapse of intervening years his discharge was lost or destroyed – that he is now old, infirm & poor, and is induced by his reduced Circumstances to apply to his Country for relief and it being necessary to his Support.

S/ James Dillard

Sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1819.

S/ John M. Dooly, J. S. C.

State of Georgia, Elbert County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for said State & County, James Dillard aged about sixty years resident in said County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (to wit) as a private in a company commanded by Captain Alexander Prevard [sic, Alexander Brevard] attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong of the North Carolina Line as appears by his Original declaration dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 that he has received a pension Certificate Showing a number (16, 100) but has not yet received any money as a pension. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 & naval Service of the United States in the A revolutionary War passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. And that I have not nor has any person in Trust for me any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed

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| Viz | 200 acres of Land 3 <sup>rd</sup> quality   | \$400.00 |
|     | 50 acres of the above Land in dispute<br>which is forest Land & the most<br>Valuable. Worth | \$150    |
|     | 1 Horse   | 60.00    |
|     | 1 Colt  | 20.00    |
|     | 3 Cows & Calves   | 36.00    |
|     | 5 small cattles   | 25.00    |
|     | 12 Sheep  | 24.00    |
|     | 32 Hogs all sizes   | 50.00    |
|     | 1 Old Waggon  | 80.00    |
|     | 3 Small Potts & oven 1 skillet much injured   | 4.00     |
|     | 3 Old axes 4 weeding hoes & one<br>mattock much worn  | 8.00     |
|     | 4 Old ploghs 2 pr. Gear much injured  | 6.00     |
|     | 1 Old saw & Drawing knife   | 1.00     |

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| 1 Iron wedge 2 old cotton wheels 2 pr. Cards                         | 5.00   |
| 1 Loom 3 old pine Tables 7 chairs 2 old chests                       | 18.00  |
| 1 good & 1 old cupboard  | 16.50  |
| 4 Dishes ½ doz. Plates Earthen                                       | 2.75   |
| 1 Set knives & forks 1 set Cups & saucers                            | 3.50   |
| 1 old coffee Pot 1 Tea Pot 1 sugar dish 1 salt stand<br>½ pepper box | 1.25   |
| 1 old Tea kettle 1 Ladle 2 Earthen bowls 2 Pewter<br>plates          | 2.00   |
| 4 Bottles 2 Decanters 2 Glass Tumblers 1 wine Glass                  | 2.37 ½ |
| 1 Tin Sugar Box 1 Small Tea canister 1 Crewit                        | .93 ¾  |
| 1 Saddle & Bridle & 1 Grater   | 8.00   |

S/ James Dillard, X his mark

I do further solemnly swear that my occupation is agriculture & that I am entirely unable (rendered so by long affliction & consequent infirmity) to pursue it, that the number of my Family residing with me is Eight a wife & seven children, to wit, James a son born the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1799 receives part of the crop for his services, Sarah a daughter born the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1801 not more than able by her labor to support herself, Sindy a daughter born September the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1802 not more than able to support herself, Nehemiah a Son born September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1805 Very Small to his age & uniformly unhealthy, Isaac a Son Born March the 27<sup>th</sup> 1807 has been sick for near Two Years & Expected to die for several months past an Entire charge, Martha a daughter born October the 27<sup>th</sup> 1808 Scarcely healthy & very small to her age, Thomas a Son born May the 30<sup>th</sup> 1811 very small to his age this last three unable entirely to support themselves by their labor. My wife about 56 years of age capable of doing of the Business that persons of her age & sex are Ordinarily able to do – and I do further solemnly swear that I am in debt necessarily for the Support of my Family & have no other means of Extricating myself therefrom other than as Exhibited above.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open court.

S/ James Dillard, X his mark

Attest: S/ Wm. U. Bowen me, Clk

S/ John M. Dooly, J. S. C.

[On December 4, 1843, Sarah Dillard filed in Elbert County for a widow's pension stating, inter alia, that her husband died April 4, 1839; that they were married on January 14, 1788 by the Rev'd John Newman, a Baptist minister, in Surry County, NC. She attached what appear to be pages from the family's Bible on which birth records are recorded but they are largely illegible. In a typed abstract of her application prepared by the War Department, the Bible information is transcribed as follows:

|                 |      |                    |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| Elizabeth Emaly | born | October 14, 1788   |
| Nancy           |      | July 28, 1793      |
| Mary Varnon     |      | October 3, 1795    |
| Jinse           |      | August 25, 1797    |
| James           |      | July 13, 1799      |
| Sarah Joice     |      | March 22, 1801     |
| Sidney          |      | September 23, 1802 |
| Nehemiah Varnon |      | September 4, 1805  |
| Isaac           |      | March 27, 1807     |
| Martha Matilda  |      | October 27, 1808   |
| Thomas Mosser   |      | May 30, 1811]      |

[On February 20, 1828, James Dillard filed another application under the 1818 and 1820 acts. This application is substantially identical to the one filed in 1820 except the amount of his property is

reduced to being valued at \$265.50. In this application, claimant gives more details on his family.]

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the Muster roll of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that James Dilliard [sic] a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment was mustered in 1781 for 12 months and that he left the service the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1782.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

Georgia, Elbert County

Before me John M. Dooly One of the Judges of the Superior Court of said State, personally appeared William Faulkner, who being duly Sworn saith that James Dillard of Said State & County enlisted in the war of the Revolution on the Continental Establishment for the term of 12 months & that he Served his Country for & during that term – and further this deponent sayeth that the said James Dillard is now Old & infirm & incapable of laboring for the support of himself & family & that a knowledge of his reduced circumstances has frequently induced this deponent with others of the neighbors & friends of the said James Dillard to continue to his (the said James') Support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1819. S/ Wm Faulkner

S/ John M. Dooly, J. S. C.