Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rody Daffron (Daffern) R2613 Milly Daffron f27NC Transcribed by Will Graves 2/14/10: rev'd 4/22/20

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State of Kentucky Wayne County Sct.

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Wayne County now sitting Rody Daffron a Resident of Wayne in the County of Wayne and State aforesaid (to the best of his knowledge and belief having no record of the same) about seventy-five years of age, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I the said Rody Daffron volunteered at Six Mile Creek, just below Charlotte in the State of North Carolina for three months under Captain __Roney [Maurice Roney] -- his Christian name not recollected, and served under Colonel __ Fifer [probably Colonel John Phifer] & General Smallwood [William Smallwood] their Christian names not recollected, marched to the Cheraw Hill, thence to Salisbury then and there about and no enemy appearing we were discharged by his officers he thinks in writing but have lost it having served the three months Tour.

That I the said Rody Daffron am very old, illiterate and have failed much in my memory & cannot recollect the years I volunteered but principally the service & duty I performed. That [sic]

After I returned home in a short time I volunteered in a company of light horse for another three months under Captain John Raynes [John Rains], William Aldridge our Lieutenant. We were principally engaged in scouring the Country after the Tories up and down the waters of Deep River in the County of Randolph about which time peace was made and we all were ordered & marched on and were discharged by our officers. He thinks in writing again, but have lost it having completed our three months Tour as aforesaid. I served six months for which I claim compensation. I the said Rody Daffron was born in the State of Maryland. My Father and Mother moved to Virginia Bute County & when I was about seven or eight years old, my father moved to North Carolina, Randolph County where we lived 20 odd years, we then moved to South Carolina and lived five or six years and then moved to Wayne County in the State of Kentucky, where I now live, having resided in this State about 30 years, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service in this Country.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Rody Daffron, X his mark

[Canon Washan and Abner Decker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 18: Certificate dated September 16, 1852 from the clerk of court of Spartanburg District South Carolina stating that there are no records in his office by which the marriage of Rody Doffin [sic] to Milly Gibbs is recorded.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[Note: Neither the Fold3.com nor the Ancestry.com version of this file contains the application made by the veteran's widow but there are documents that indicate that she must have filed a claim sometime around the year 1852 as there are certificates from witnesses verifying that they knew Rody Daffron and his wife Milly and that they lived together as man and wife and were reputed to have been legally married. There is a note in the file dated 1952 indicating "Milly Daffron's application for pension was missing from this file when pension case file was sent to search room today. Signed Christine Stokes, August 22, 1952.]