

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Duncan R3128 VA
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State of Missouri Fourth Judicial Circuit County of Scott SS.

On this ninth day Of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judge now sitting, Samuel Duncan, a resident of Matthews Prairie in the County of Scott in the State of Missouri aged sixty seven years on the 19th day day of May last, 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 June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered into the United States Service under Gen'l. George Rodgers Clark [sic: George Rogers Clark], in Col. Linns [sic: William Lynn's] Battallion, and Major Bulger under John Askins Captain and John Handly Lieutenant in the month of August in seventeen hundred and eighty and left the Service in the same year in September and was engaged in a battle with the Indians at Pickaways in the North Western Territory, now State of Ohio [Piqua, 8 Aug 1780], and that in the fall of the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty two he entered again in to the service under Gen'l. George Rodgers Clark, Charles Polk Captain, McDaniel Lieutenant and Continued in the Service one month, that he resided at the time of his engaging in the above two trips at the [present] town of Louisville in the County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky; That in the Campaign of 1780 aforesaid he was drafted and in 1782 volunteered, that he marched in what is now called the State of Ohio, Crossing at the mouth of Licking river in the State of Kentucky, he has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of agency of any state.

Question by the Court: Where and in what year was you born?

A. In Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County County in the State of Virginia, in the year seventeen hundrd and sixty four.

Q. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have a record in the Bible at my house, taken from the record kept by my fathers family.

Q. Where were you living when called into service, and where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

A. At Lousville in Jefferson County Kentucky, Since which time I lived in Kentucky untill the year eighteen hundrd and twenty eight when I removed to the State of Missouri in the County of Scott where I have since resided.

Q. How were you called into service were you drafted or did you Volunteer, or were you a Substitute?

A. In the first Campaign I was drafted. In the second aforesaid I Volunteered I was no substitute in either.

Q. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service?

A. The officers I reccollect in the Campaign of 1780 were Gen'l. Clark, Col. Lynn, Major Bulger, Captain Askins, and Lieutenant John Hanley. In the Campaign of 1782 I was with Gen'l. Geo. R. Clark, and Captain Charles Polk, there was no other serious engagement except at Picaway during my service but frequent skirmishes with the Indians by Scouting parties.

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

A. I did not receive a written but a verbal discharge.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your charracter for veracity and good behaviour, your service as a Soldier of the Revolution?

A. Washington Orr, Christopher G. Houts, James Matthews, and George Hacker Samuel Duncan

NOTE: Duncan's claim was rejected because he did not serve at least six months. On 24 Oct 1852 his widow, Catharine Duncan, assigned power of attorney to try to obtain the pension.