

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Dawson S10549

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State of Virginia Prince Edward County to wit:

Be it known that at a court held for said County before the Justices of the peace on this the 17th day of September 1832, Henry Dawson exhibited in court the following declaration: "Prince Edward County Virginia to wit; On this seventh day of September One thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Lellious D Womack a justice of the peace for said County Henry Dawson in the eightyeth year of his age and a resident of said County & state; who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832, That he entered the service of the united states under the following officers and served as herein stated. Viz. In the early part of June 1776 I was called into service in what was called the Minute Men or state troops as a volunteer my company officers were Capt Charles Allen Lieutenant Joseph Parks and Ensign James Allen. Colo. Merriman was a field officer, and a man by the name of Overton was Major or adjutant. I marched with the company from Prince Edward court house to Richmond, Williamsburg and Hampton, where the army was stationed some 3 or 4 months, thence to Portsmouth where it remained till Christmas, where we were discharged and I returned home, making a tour of about seven months.

The next year 1777 I was drafted in a Millitia Company commanded by Capt [Thomas] Flournoy and Lieutenant Moore; the company marched from Prince Edward Courthouse to Williamsburg & remained there a short time and then marched to York where they remained till discharged. this tour was 3 mo's.

The next year 1778 I was drafted in a Millitia company commanded by Capt. Ligon marched from Prince Edward Courthouse to Petersburg and remained there till discharged only about 3 mo's. Then again I was drafted in a Millita company Commanded by Capt. Hood. marched from Prince Edward court house in pursuit of Cornwallis [who entered Virginia in spring of 1781], and remained in service at this time 3 months and was discharged. in this tour John Overstreet acted a Major. I know of no person living by whom I could positively prove the whole of my services.

1st Where was you born and in what year? Answer I was born in Amelia County Virginia.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer. I have no record of my age.

3d. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? Answer. I lived in Prince Edward County Va at that & have lived here ever since.

4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom? Answer. I volunteered in the minute service, in each of my other tours I was drafted in the Millitia, in one of my tours I took the place without pay for a man by the name of Grimes who was in reduced circumstances and had a large family.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and millitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services. Answer. It has been so long that I can not undertake to state any facts relating to the officer or of the Regiments.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it? Answer. I received my discharge regularly sometimes in writing and sometimes verbally but have not preserved any of them.

State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? John M Price, John Whitehead, Isham Harvy, Thomas Harvey, Jno. Daniel, Richard Borkes and Thomas Jackson.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state nor never was; signed this the day and year above named.

Henry Dawson

NOTE: John Cunningham, pension application W10696, deposed that he had been a Minute Man with Dawson.