Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Dixon S10565 Transcribed by Will Graves f44NC 2/14/08 rev'd 12/5/14

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State of Alabama, Covington County

On the twenty fifth day of March A. D. 1834 personally appeared before Josiah Jones Judge of the County Court of the aforesaid County at a Court held at Chambers Jeremiah Dixon a resident of said State & County aged about Seventy years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 volunteered for six months in the State of North Carolina under Captain George Faloner [George Faulkner], Seth Stafford Lieutenant was in an engagement at Briar Creek (Georgia) with the British [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]. General Nash [sic, John Ashe] & General Bryan [William Bryan] commanded served out my six months tour – Volunteered a second time in the year 1781 for twelve months called twelve months volunteers under Major Reding Blunt [sic, Redding Blount] and Captain Thomas Armstrong in North Carolina. Marched and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina was ranked in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina troops Colonel Archibald Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] Major Thomas Donaho [sic, Thomas Donoho] & Anthony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] Captain Continental officers of the 2nd North Carolina Regiment which I was in was in the engagement with the British at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], in the charge against the British at Dorchester – volunteered from the Grand Army and was then under the Command of Colonel William Washington & Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] as scouters served out my year and had a discharge signed by Major Thomas Donoho & Anthony Sharp Captain in Salisbury North Carolina.

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 any Agency in any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(signed) Jeremiah Dixon

The court then propounded the following questions --

1st: When and in what year were you born?

In Pitt County State of North Carolina in the year 1764

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Yes in my Book now in my own House

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

In Pitt County North Carolina where I resided until I moved to this state in the year 1815 4^{th} How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and

if so for whom did you substitute?

Volunteered

5th 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.

General Nash [sic, John Ashe] & Bryan also General Greene, Colonels Lee – Washington & Lytle, Major Donoho &c.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Yes signed by Major Thomas Donoho & Captain Anthony Sharp – it was filed in the land Office in North Carolina for the purpose of drawing Land in Tennessee as a bounty for my Revolutionary Services/

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

I am known in this County & settlement to a number who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief as to services as a Soldier of the revolution Thomas McDaniel, William Hays & Thomas Finklea our old acquaintances and me of veracity [sic].

I don't know now of any person or persons living whose testimony I can procure that he knows of my service as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

(signed) Jeremiah Dixon

[Thomas McDaniel, William Hays and Thomas Finklea gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Covington County

On the twenty second day of May 1834 personally appeared before Josiah Jones Judge of the County Court of said County at a Court held at Chambers Jeremiah Dixon the maker and signer of the accompanying Declaration under date of 25th of March 1834 – And after being duly sworn on his oath Answers the following questions propounded by the Court as an amendment to his former Declaration

Question – How were you called into service of the revolutionary war

Answer – Voluntarily enlisted in Pitt County North Carolina –

Q – State the names of some of the regular officers under whose command you served – and the General circumstances of your service

A – I first volunteered in the year 1778 for six months under Capt. George Falconer & Lieut. Seth Stafford, marched direct to Georgia was in a battle against the British at Brier Creek (Georgia) General Nash, Gen. Bryan were commanding Officers was in Georgia most of the six months as a private soldier in the field. I volunteered a second time in the year 1781 for twelve months under Major Reding Blount & Capt. Thomas Armstrong in North Carolina was marched by said officers direct to the regular Army commanded by General Green at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina was formed in the Second Regiment of the North Carolina State troops under the following Regular Officers (viz.) Col. Archibald Lytle, Major Thomas Donoho & Capt. Anthony Sharpe commanded the 12 months volunteer Company that I was in. Major Reding Blunt & Capt. Thomas Armstrong returned back to North Carolina after we were received by the Regular Officers. I was in the engagement with the British at the Eutaw Springs & in the charge against them at Dorchester – turned out as scouters a while from the Main Army under the command of Col. William Washington & Col. Lee – Served out my time as a private soldier in the field and the greater part of the 12 months in South Carolina, received a discharge in Sailsbury [Salisbury] North Carolina signed by Major Thomas Donoho & Capt. Anthony Sharp which Discharge I sent to the Secretary's Office in North Carolina for the purpose of Drawing

Land in the State of Tennessee – My name must be on the Rolls of Capt. Anthony Sharp's Company of 12 months volunteers in the 2^{nd} Regiment of the North Carolina State troops –

Q – During the time that you were enlisted were you employed in any civil pursuit –

A - No – the Year and six months was wholly spent in the service of the Army of the revolution and for such service I claim a pension.

(Signed) Jeremiah Dixon

In the matter of Jeremiah Dickson Declaration May 1834

Applicant alleges that he volunteered in 1778 For Six Months under Captain Falconer – and was in the Battle at Briar Creek (Georgia) – volunteered second time in 1781 – for 12 months Major Blount & Captain Armstrong – joined the regular Army under General Greene and was attached to 2nd Regiment of North Carolina State troops under Captain Anthony Sharp, Blount & Armstrong returned to N. C. after we were placed under Sharp. I was in battle Eutaw Springs (8 September 1781) – received a discharge in Salisbury signed by Major Donoho & Captain Sharp, which discharge was sent to Office in N. C. for the purpose of drawing the land.

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jeremiah Dixon, a private in Capt. Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 15th day of April 1781 for 12 months and that he left the service the 15th of day of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of March 1835 S/Wm Hill

[p 28: Certificate dated April 30, 1853 issued by a Judge of the Covington County Alabama court finding that Jeremiah Dixon, a revolutionary war pensioner, died on or about July 26, 1835 survived by his widow Elizabeth Dixon in the following children Seth, Wiley, Jeremiah, Elizabeth (now Elizabeth Dimond), Louisiana (then Louisiana Hays) and John B Dixon; that the veteran's widow died June 15, 1840 survived by Seth, Wiley, Jeremiah, Elizabeth and John B Dixon.]

[p 11: On September 16, 1853 in Compton County Alabama, Seth Dixon, Wiley Dixon, Jeremiah Dixon, Elizabeth Dimond and John B Dixon filed an affidavit stating they are the only surviving children and heirs at law of Jeremiah Dickson, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner.

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The bearer Jeremiah Dixon has liberty to return home to Pitt County, he having served the term of time

for which he was engaged for in the second North Carolina Battalion and in Capt. Anthony Sharp's Company his Discharge being sent to said County from Head Quarters. Given in Salisbury this 13th May 1784

S/ Anthony Sharp Capt.
S/ Thomas Donoho, Major North Carolina line

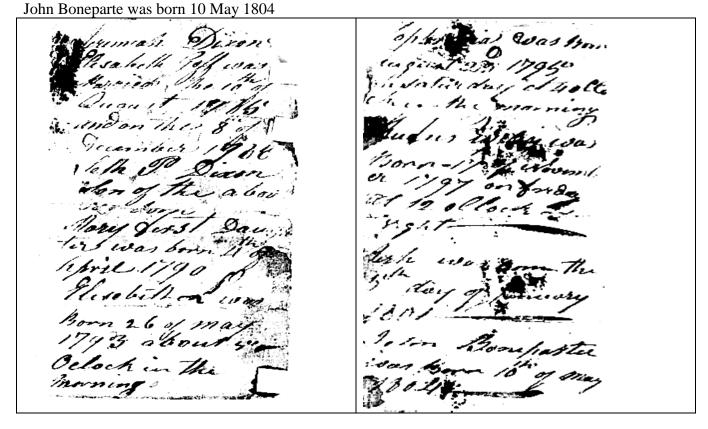
State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Discharge on file in this Office.

Given under my hand this 7th day of September 1853 S/Wm Hill

[pp 7-8: family record]
Jeremiah Dixon & Elizabeth Goff were married August 10, 1785
Seth P. Dixon, their son, was born December 8, 1788
Mary, firs daughter, born 4th April 1790
Elisabeth L., born May 26, 1793 at 5 AM

Sophrina was born August 23, 1795 on Saturday at 4 AM Rufus Wiley was born November 17, 1797 on Friday at 12 at night Jerh was born the 5th January 1801



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending July 26, 1835 when he died. He was pensioned for his service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina line.]