

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gabriel Duncan S10588 VA
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State of Kentucky }
Madison County } S.S.

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record & now sitting, before James Dejarnett William Goodloe and George Alcorn Justices of said Court, now sitting Gabriel Duncan a resident of this County of Madison aforesaid aged 74 years, 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 7th 1832

that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated – That in the Spring as he thinks of 1777 he volunteered in the then County of Bedford & State of Virginia in the militia to go upon a tour against the Cherokee Indians We were marched to the long Island of Holstein [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] where a treaty was made with the Indians [Treaty of Long Island, 20 Jun 1777]. that he served out the Tower for three months. That he was in a Company commanded by Capt James Dixon, Christopher Irvine was Liutenant. That after his term was out & before he returned home, he enlisted or volunteered a second time to go an expedition upon Clinch River. Capt Isaac Shelby, afterward Gov’r. of Kentucky was his Capt. & said Irvine Lieut. That said Isaac Shelby not being ready to march at the time, his Father Colo [Evan] Shelby marched us over from the Long Island of Holstein to a Fort upon Clinch River called Rogers Fort, where he continued to do duty about six months. That he was absent from the time he left Bedford & was in service nine months before he returned.

That afterwards he went out in the militia, volunteerd, from Prince Edward County, Virginia, in a company commanded by Capt. Allen in Gen’l. Lawsons [Robert Lawson’s] command – was marched down to old Petersburg in Virginia to prevent the British who were coming up James River – that he cannot state certainly the year, but thinks it was in the year 1780 – that he was in service two months this Tour – that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whose testimony he can establish his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Gabriel hisXmark Duncan

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On this 3^d day of Dec’r. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Willis J. S. White Will Stapp Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting Gabriel Duncan who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary to his declaration made in this Court on the 13th day of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he was born in Bedford County State of Virginia in the year 1758. That he has no record of his age, but always understood from his parents that he was born on the 24th August 1758. That when he first volunteered & entered the service in the Revolutionary war he was living & was a citizen of Bedford County, Virginia, when he volunteered & served his last tour as stated in his original declaration he was living & was a citizen of Prince Edward County Virginia
That he does not recollect that he ever had any written discharge from the service; if he ever had, he has long ago lost it he knows nothing of it now. That after the Revolutionary War he lived in Prince Edward County Virginia till he removed to Kentucky between thirty & forty years ago where he has resided in the bounds of the now County of Madison ever since & now resides. That Capt Richard Oldham & Jacob Dooley of Madison County Ken’y have long been his neighbours & can testify & have testified concerning his character & their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier – that he believes he is

& has been well known in the County of Madison for thirty or forty years past & could name if necessary a great many other good citizens of said County, who could give [illegible word] testimony concerning him as Oldham & Dooley
Gabriel hisXmark Duncan