

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Dupuy S12821

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[Kentucky, Christian County]

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Christian County now sitting, William Dupuy, a resident of said County of Christian and State of Kentucky, aged Sixty Six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, they were the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

William Dupuy states, he was born 17th October 1766 in South Carolina, & when an infant his father changed his residence to Edgefield County where he was, (as he has been told) baptized by Parson Subley. When 13 years old [he] removed with his parents to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia. When 14 years old fond of adventure and much attached to Captain Solomon Newsom joined his company as a volunteer & from the partiality of his Captain was made a spy with one Samuel Moore – Rendezvoused at the Big Shoals of Ogeechee River in the summer or spring of 1780 or 1781 & then with 40 others took up the line of march. On the way were joined at the White Ponds General Irvin's brigade and proceeded to the Long Bluff on the Oconee River. Here he remained several months, (does not recollect exactly how long) during which time, he was daily engaged as an Indian spy with said Samuel Moore. He was then taken with Samuel Moore, James McCormick & 7 others as a bodyguard to attend General Irvin in his review of Fort Irvin, Fort Watley & two other forts the name of which he has forgot. After this service he was permitted to return home. Shortly after his return another alarm of Indians invasion threatening the country he went out with Lieutenant John Buckhalter – marched under him to Booths island in the Oconee River. There remained some 8 or 9 weeks & was with Samuel Moore engaged as a spy. During this service he with Moore went as far out as the Creek called Shoulder bone [Shoulderbone]. He was again discharged and returned home and afterwards joined a horse Company under Captain Nathan Fowler, and Major Ledbetter. Fowler was himself a spy went out in service & took him (Dupuy) and three others generally with him. In his excursions they explored the Indian country so far out as the Okmulgee [sic, Ocmulgee River], pursuing the upper Indian trading path that lead from the Oconee River. Was during this time engaged some five or six weeks. Twice or three times after this was called out by Buckhalter & served from 10 to 20 days does not exactly recollect. He would further state that during the two last years of the war he was considered at all times ready & willing to serve his country – and is well satisfied his whole service exceeded the term of six months. He knows of no person who can testify as to his service having removed from Georgia to Jefferson in '94 & then Christian County where he now resides 29 years since, but I am known to every man in & near the vicinity of the seat of Justice and offers the names of David S. Patton a Justice of the Peace for this County & the Reverend William Kirkman as credible witnesses to establish his character for integrity and veracity. It is with regret he states that from the carelessness of youth he lost his papers and during the last war had a conversation on the subject with Colonel John B. Campbell who promised he would present a petition for him but fears his untimely late [?] prevented –.

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 any agency in the United States.

Sworn to & describe the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Dupuy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Dupuy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Elijah Kirkman, a clergyman, and David S. Patton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky, County of Christian

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for Christian County, William Dupuy who, being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For three months I served as a spy under Captain Solomon Newsom. For two weeks as a spy & bodyguard for General Irvine – for eight weeks as a spy under Captain John Buckhalter and for five weeks as a spy under Captain Nathan Fowler and for such services I claim a pension. He further states that he has a record of his age at home and he does not recollect that he ever had any documentary evidence of his service but if he had he must have lost them in the carelessness of youth.

Nov. 23rd 1832

S/ D. S. Patton, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 ½ months in the Georgia militia.]