Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Dyche S12833 VA
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County of Clarke [sic: Clark] State of Kentucky Sct

On this 25th day of September one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two came personally into open Court before Richard French on of the Circuit Judges for the State of Kentucky, John Dykes a resident of Clarke County in the State of Kentucky aged Eighty one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born according to the Register of his father on the 29th of April 1751 and was 81 years old last April. That he was born & raised in Goochland County State of Virginia. That in the month of July 1778 [sic: probably 1779. see endnote] he was enrolled into the service as a militia soldier in the County of Louisa Virginia & marched to served as a Guard at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia; that Col. [Francis] Taylor and Major [John] Roberts, and Captain John White were the principal officers; that he served as a guard at the said Barracks guarding British prisoners, said to be about seven thousand in number for two months; that he was then discharged but has lost or mislaid it.

That in the month of September in the year 1780 he was again drafted as a militia man; That Richard Philips [Richard Phillips] was his Captain, Major McGill [probably Charles Magill] & Major McCluman and General [George] Weedon were the principal officers that he recollects. The he marched from Louisa County to Richmond, and from thence to Mackeys Mills [Mackie's Mill] in the Isle of Wight County, that he was discharged a little before Christmas in the same year and as well as he can recollects he served on that tour three months.

That in the month of April 1781 he was again drafted in the Virginia Militia. that John Harris was his Captain, and Gen'l. LaFayette was the commanding General. That Richard Pollett [sic: Richard Paulet] was the Lieutenant & Obediah Trimier [sic: Obediah Truman] was the Ensign. That he marched from Louisa County Virginia to Williamsburg. That the army under Gen'l. La Fayette retreated from Williamsburg to Winchester [sic: toward], and he was discharged between Williamsburg & Winchester in the latter part of May 1781. That he served in that tour two months. That in the early part of September 1781 he was again drafted. That John White was his Captain, Turner Anderson was the Lieutenant, and Gen'l. Lafayette was the principal officer; that he marched from Louisa County to little york where we met the army under General Washington. That he was discharged in November 1781 but at what time he does not recollect and served on that tour more than two months. That he has lost all his discharges not considering them of any value. That he is certain that he served altogether at least nine 9 months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any State – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afs'd.

NOTE: Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville were finished at the end of 1778. About 4000 British and Hessian soldiers captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 were housed at the barracks from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781.