

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Dyson S12836 VA
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Virginia: Chesterfield county to wit

On this 13th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared before the county court of Chesterfield, being a court of Record now sitting John Dyson aged seventy years, being a resident of said county and 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 act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as hereafter stated – Viz.

That sometime in the year 1781, believed to be about the month of January he was called out as a drafted Militia man under the command of Capt. Archibald Walthall, and marched down to the lower [ink blot] Virginia particularly in the neighbourhood of Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County], Smithfield, and Mackey's Mills [Mackie's Mill S of Smithfield in Isle of Wight County], at which place he was discharged after a tour of one month. Colo. Robert Goode had command of the Regiment to which he belonged, and Colo. [Ralph] Faulkner of the Regular army also had command during part of the tour.

That some short time after and just before the battle of Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], he was again called out as a drafted Militia man, under the command of Capt. Arch'd. Walthall, Lieut. Geo. Cousins [George Cousins] and Ensign Richard Covington, marched to the lower part of Chesterfield – after the battle of Petersburg, retreated by Chesterfield courthouse to the [Midlothian] Coal Mines, crossed James River at Tuckahoe [near Manakin], thence marched down to Richmond, thence to the long bridges [on Chickahominy River], thence to Williamsburg, where he was discharged after serving a tour of two months. Colo. George Robertson had command of the Regiment to which he was attached, and Capt. James Hall had command of the company during part of the tour: – owing to the length of time he cannot particularly recollect the names of any of the Regular officers.

Some short time after he was again called out as a drafted militia man, under the command of Capt. [Creed] Haskins, marched about in different parts of the country in the neighbourhood of Richmond, and after serving a tour of two months was discharged in Manchester, believes that Colo. Robert Goode had command of the Regiment or Detachment during this tour, but owing to the lapse of time cannot say positively.

That some short time after he was again called out as a drafted Militia Man under the command of Capt. Arch'd. Walthall, Lieut. Richard Covington and Ensign John Hill, was marched to Richmond, thence to the Brickhouse on York River [Brick House in New Kent County S of present West Point] thence to Gloucester, and after serving a tour of three months, was discharged at Gloucester a very short time before the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. Colo. [blank] had command of the detachment to which he belonged during this tour.

That owing the lapse of time and consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely the names of all the officers under whom he served, that he contracted no particular acquaintance with any of the officers of the Regular army, though he was occasionally with detachments of the said army, but he is quite certain that he served Eight months as a soldier of the Revolution in the service of the United States.

That he was born in the county of Chesterfield on the first day of July 1763, as appears by a Register of his birth in a book at home that he has always resided in the said county. That he was always called out as a drafted militia man, that he never received any written discharge from the service, that he is known to many persons in his neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution, particularly to Richard Burton, & William Gill but there is no clergyman residing in many miles of him who can give any information on the subject. That 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 the agency of any State whatsoever. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid before the court aforesaid John hisXmark Dyson