Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Dixon S16764 VA
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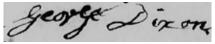
State of Indiana } On this 12th day of November 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, the Said Warren County } Court being a Court of Probate in and for said County George Dixon resident in said County aged Seventy Six on the 17th day of Febuary 1833 who being first first duly sworn according to law doth 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 and served as herein stated That he entered the said service in the month of September AD 1777 A volenteer of the County of Greenbrier in the state of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain James Armstrong, marched from the said County of Greenbrier [illegible word] the Kenhaway to Point Pleasent [sic: Kanawha River to Point Pleasant] on the Ohio River Captain [Matthew] Arbuckle commanded said Garison [Fort Randolph] at Point Pleasent. he was a regular officer if the united states Army. He this said declarant halted at said Garison untill the troops commanded by General Hann [sic: Edward Hand] would arive this said declarant was to join General Hann to go against the Indians on the Sciote [sic: Scioto River] now in the State of Ohio While he this said declarant lay at Point Pleasent, aforesaid Robert Gilmore a private [sic: Lt. James Gilmore] in the Company that this said declarant belonged to was kild by the Indians The said Gilmore crossed the River Kanhannay for the purpose of hunting and was fiered upon and kild by the Indians The circumstance of Gilmore being kild exasperated and enraged the Millitia to such a hight, that they fiered upon and kild four friendly Indians that had been several days in the fort [10] Nov 1777]. One who was King Cornstalk a Shawnee Indian in despite of the Commandant officer of the Garison General Hann deeming the above named expedition inadvisable abandened the expedition When the said Genl Hann discharged his troops in the month of November in the year seventeen hundred seventy seven when this said declarant after being Honorably discharged returned home On a second tour this said declarant was drafted from the Milletia of said County of Greenbrier in Virginia to go to Kentucky, and there join General [George Rogers] Clark on a expedition to the Scioto now in the State of Ohio Drafted as aforesaid in the month of Febuary seventeen hundred seventy Eight, And marched in the month of March of the same year To Fort Chissell [sic: Fort Chiswell] in Virginia In the Company Commanded by Captain John Henderson under the command of Major Hamilton [probably Andrew Hamilton] stationed at Fort Chissel aforesaid waiting for the millitia troops from the County of Bedford to arive waited till the grew impatient of waiting, they determined on sending an Express to Kentucky when this declarant and six others of his company was detailed by said officer to Cary said express. The undertaking and of which was considered to be very hazardous. We arived safe at Logans Station on Dicks river [sic: near Dix River near present Stanford] in Kentucky and delivered said express as directed to Colonel [Benjamin] Logan of Kentucky Staid at said station about Three weeks when the troops that this said declarant belonged to arived from Fort Chissel in Virginia for the purpose of joining Gen'l Clark. But Gen'l Clark having returned to Kentucky after an expedition to the Scioto [see endnote] in which the troops that this declarant belonged was to have participated in But arived to late for to join Gen'l Clark aforesaid in said expedition was disbanded by Major Hamilton who were their Commandant in the month of June 1778 and returned home to Virginia

On the first of May seventeen hundred seventy nine engaged in the company commanded by Captain Graham under the command of Colonel Brown of Greenbrier County Virginia a spy to spy out and reconoiter the enroads and excursions of the Indians on the Kenhaway, and the Country thereabout, Served from the 1st of May seventeen hundred seventy nine to the first of November seventeen hundred Eighty one at the rate of five shillings per day in Contennental money were bound to find myself amunition and other aequipage together with necessary provision

And that he hereby relinquishs every Claim whatever to pension or anuity except the present and declares

that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency That he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.



On this 7th day of June AD 1833 Personally came before the me James Crawford, State of Indiana } one of the associate judges of the circuit court in and for said County George Warren County } Dixon aged seventy seven on the 17 day of Febuary next, Who being first duly sworn according to Law, Doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th AD 1832 That he vollenteered in the service of the United States. In the month of September 1777 In the County of Greenbrier and state Virginia for the term of three months in the Company commanded by Capt. James Armstrong by authority of the Collony of Virginia marched from the County aforesaid down the Kanhaway, to Point Pleasent in Virginia, Capt Arbuckle commanded the Garison afr'sd. he was a regular officer the troops that this s'd declarant belonged was stationed at the Garison aforesaid, until Gen'l. Hann would arive who this s'd declarant was to join on a Expedition against the Indians on the Scioto; Whilst this said Declarant was stationed as afs'd. Robert Gilmore a private in the company that this s'd declarant belonged crossed the river Kanhaway to hunt and was fiered upon & kild by the Indians. The circumstance of Gilmore being killed exasperated the miltia to such a hight that they fiered upon and killed four friendly Indians who had been in the fort for several days previous, In despite of the officers, Genl han arived & declined the expedition against the Indians to the Sciote Discharged his troops & this declart returned home to Greenbrier Cty aforesaid was a private believes he served three months Months on said tour. On a second tour were drafted from the County afs'd to Kentucky to join Gen'l Clark on an expedition to the Sciote against the Indians, Drafted for the term of six months, some time in the month of February 1778 and march on to fort Chisle now in the County of Wythe virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. John Henderson, under the Command of Major Hamilton, was sent with an express to Kentucky. this declarant & six others of his comrads which said expedition was considered very hazard at that period, delivered the express as they were directed to Col. Logan at Logans Station on Dicks river Kentucky waited till the troops arrived from fort Chisle for the Purpose of joining Gen'l Clark. But the said troops arived to late for join Gen'l Clark. Gen'l Clark had returned to Kentucky when He discharged his troops in the month of or July 1778 and we returned home to virginia some time in July this declarant well recollects that it was after harvast the wheat was yet standing in the shocks in the harvast fields he was a a private. On the first of May 1779 was Engaged as a spy Call out by Col Brown of Greenbrier County Virginia to protect the frontiers from the inrodes of the Indians engaged for three years under the command of Capt. Grimes or Graham of said County Served from the first of May afs'd till the first of Nov'm 1781 at the five shillings per day in continnental money – was to be in readiness from the first of May til the first of October in each year That he hereby relinquiuishs every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State agency. And that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows no person whose testimony he could procure that can testify to his services

State of Indiana } Personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace of the Warren County } County af'sd George Dixon who being duly sworn Deposeth & Saith that by reason of old age, & the consequent loss of memory He can not swear positively as to the precise length of time 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



[The above table is not transcribed because it gives no new information.]
And for such Services he Claims a pension and further this deponant saith not. Sworn & subscribed to this 7th day of June 1833 before me

Qst 1st Where in what year were you Born

Ans. In the year 1754 Born In Augusta County Virginia Qst. 2nd Have you any record of your age. Ans. none. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live. Answers to the above question I was called into sevice in Greenbrier Co. Virginia lived in said County have since lived a part of of the time in Monroe County Virginia moved from thence to Gallia County Ohio from thence to Warren County Indiana where I now live Qestion 4th How were you called into service Ans'r on the first tour vollentered for three months on the 2 tour drafted for six months. On the third engaged as a spy for three years. Qestion 5th State the names of of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served Capt Arbuckle. no Continental regiments with whom I was acquainted. I never rece'd a writen discharge.

Qestion 7th. State the names of persons in the your neighbour hood to whom you are known who can testify to your character for varacity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution Answer Samuel H. Garrison & Richar Shute [Samuel H. Garrison and Richard Shute]

[Samuel H. Shute stated the following: "He has heard him [George Dixon] long since relate the circumstance of King Cornstalk being kiled at Point Pleasant in virginia and his expedition to Kentucky with an Express. Heard him the said Dixon relate whilst engaged as a Spy that a woman By the name of Butler kiled in Virginia and other circumstances in relation to his services as a spy heard him the said Dixon relate that he was urged by Col. Garham of Greenbrier Cty to watch his family till he could return from Court, and that he the said Dixon did watch accordingly and that said Dixon discovered there were danger from Indians, and warned the family of Col Graham who did not heed his the said Dixons

warning he having previous to their being kild they the family afores'd refused to go to the fort that was close by & was murdered by the Indians the next morning."

NOTES:

During the summer of 1778 Gen. George Rogers Clark was actually conducting expeditions against Kaskaskia II and Vincennes IN.

The file includes a letter to Thomas Ewing, Jr. from Aaron M. Williams dated 6 Jan 1851 that reads in part as follows:

Summitsville Madison County Indiana

Dear Sir I here with send you a short sketch of the Evidence that Peter Dixion aged 63 Unice Davis aged 62 Jesse Dixion aged 57 Henry Dixion aged 57 and Ollive Stover (sons and daugters of and heirs of George Dixion who was born in in the year 1755) can give concerning their Claims as heirs of their Father who volenteered and Entered the army of the United Colonies in the year 1776 or about that time in the Eastern part of Virginia Served as a private until the Close of the Revolution and was honorably Dicharged at the Close of Said War in Green Brier County Virgina and died in Warren County Indiana on the 27th day of February 1840 and left no widow his wife having Died on the 27th."