

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lyles Dolsbury S17929 VA
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State of Virginia Tazewell Ss

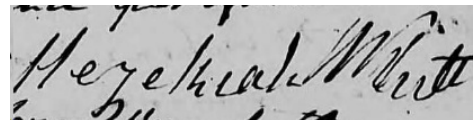
On this 18th day of November, 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County of Tazewell now sitting Lyles Dolsbury a resident of the county of Tazewell & State of Virginia aged seventy three on the 11th day of May last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States in March 1775 as a volunteer and served under Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson, & Gen'l. Andrew Lewis, for a tour six weeks, and marched to Williamsburg, and from thence to Gwins Island [sic: see endnote] where Dunmore was stationed and was in the battle there at the Long Bridge, after the battle Stuben came there and bombarded Dunmore out [sic: see endnote] and he sailed from there to Norfolk, and this declarant then returned home. Afterwards in 1775 [O]ctober this declarant volunteered again and marched to Norfolk and joined Gen'l. Nelson, but when the volunteers got there Dunmore was gone, and they with this declarant returned home, but received no written discharge, and was gone about one month.

In 1776 in August this declarant while a citizen of Bedford County Virginia, where he resided when he volunteered as above, enlisted under Capt Christopher Ervin for two years in a campaign against the Cherokees, under Gen'l. Christie [William Christian], and was marched to the Cherokee towns, in the Indian Nation and was attached to the fifth Regiment of minute men, under Colo. Charles Lewis and remained there though the month of September, and there being no further call for the troops there they returned to the Long Islands of Holston [at present Kingsport TN] either in October or November the Declarant does not precisely recollect, where they remained for some time for some time, and then Colo. Lewis returned returned to New London [in present Campbell County VA] where his men, with this declarant was discharged in December about christmas, making about four months service rendered that tour, he then received a written discharge from Capt Ervin which has since been lost by the burning of his house. Afterwards in 1777 in April this declarant again enlisted under Capt James Dickerson he then being a citizen of Washington County Virginia & was marched to the frontiers of Clinch in the Rye Cove, where he remained until they were called to the treaty, which was in August at the Long Island of Holston, and remained there until the treaty broke which was some time in September 1777 [sic: see endnote] and was then and there discharged by Capt. Dickson by a written discharge which was lost also as above stated, this declaration served that time six months which was the full term of his enlistment. Afterwards immediately after his discharge this declarant again enlisted under Capt Evan Shelby for six months and served the full term under Gen'l. Shelby on the frontiers of Clinch, and was discharged he thinks in April or May in 1778 on the frontier of Clinch by his Capt. and received a written discharge but was lost as above. he was still a citizen of Washington Cty as above. Afterwards in 1778 about the 1st of August while still a citizen of Washington as above this declarant again enlisted under Capt Joseph Lock for the Detroit Campaign and served until the 22nd February 1779 when he was discharged at the fort of the Laurel Hill now Pittsburg [sic: probably Fort Ligonier], he was marched to the Muskingum River and there built a fort [Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, finish Jan 1779], and then marched back to fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA] where he remained until he was discharged at the time above stated, he served during that tour six months. Afterwards in March 1779 he again enlisted under Capt Thomas Mastin for the Chickahomany Campaign [sic: Chickamauga Campaign], while still a citizen as said above, and was again marched to the Long Island and there joined Gen'l. Shelby, and from they were taken by water to the Chickamaugy towns where he remained some time, and then returned to the Rye Cove where he was discharged in May 1779. but received no written discharge, he served that tour about three months. In 1781 in February while still a citizen as last above this declarant was drafted under Capt

James Daigey[?] in Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army under Colo. William Campbell, & Col. Daniel Smith and was marched to a small water [illegible word] called troublesome below Guilford C House [sic: Troublesome Creek about 10 miles N of Guilford Courthouse] in North Carolina, where Green Army lay and there joined the army, and was there in the Battle of Guilford [15 Mar 1781], and also in the battle of [illegible word] Reedy fork on the Allamance River [sic: skirmish either at Clapp's Mill on Alamance River, 2 Mar 1781, or at Wetzel's Mill on Reedy Fork of Haw River, 6 Mar 1781], and from there returned home with Colo Daniel Smith and was discharged in Washington County, the county of his residence, in June 1781 he served in that tour five months, under the officers above stated. This declarant further states that he was born on the Mowhawk River [sic: Mohawk River in NY], on the 11th of May 1760. that he has no record of his age, to which he can [illegible word] at present. he was living at the places stated in the foregoing declaration, and was called into service as their stated, and as to the whom he served and the general circumstances of his services he refers to his foregoing declaration. 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 or territory whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
Lyles hisXmark Dolsbury

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This day personally appeared in open court Hezekiah Whitt [pension application S7885] who after being duly sworn according to law states that he was with the within applicant for a pension in the service of the United States under Gen'l Shelby and knows of his own knowledge that the said Lyles Dolsbury did serve in the service of the United States for six months or perhaps more, that he served with him and that he was a good soldier and served faithfully
Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1833



NOTE: Dolsbury's declaration is confused. The following is correct chronology of some of the events he mentioned. In addition, Gen. Baron von Steuben was not in Virginia until 1781.

1775

9 Dec Battle of Great Bridge VA

1776

1 Jan Royal Governor Lord Dunmore burns Norfolk

8-10 Jul Gen. Andrew Lewis attacks Dunmore on Gwynn Island

Oct Cols Christian and Lewis destroy Tellico, Settico, Chilhowee, and Big Island towns

1777

20 Jun Treaty of Long Island ratified