Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Anthony Dunkin (Duncan) S1808 VA
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State of Tennessee }

Greene County } On this 25th day of October 1832, personally appeared before me Cornelius Smith an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Anthony Dunkin, aged eighty eight years, who having been 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 June 7th 1832.

Saith That he entered the Militia Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Whilst he was a citizen of Augusta County Virginia he volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Cunningham, and served twelve months as a soldier at Fort Dinwiddie [possibly at present Stewartstown in Monongalia County WV] when he was discharged by Captain Cunningham. He does not, in consequence of his advanced age, and want of memory, recollect the year or month in which he entered the service, with sufficient accuracy to state it correctly. The discharge he received from Captain Cunningham is lost.

He again, was drafted and serv'd 3 months in the company commanded by Captain Trigg [probably Abram Trigg], and in the regiment commanded by Col [William] Preston. He marched, from Montgomery County Virginia, into the State of North Carolina, and participated in the engagement that took place, with the British, at Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781]. During this tour he was also present at the skirmish which took place between the Americans and the Tories at Whitesels Mill at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River. [See endnote] He was acquainted with Majors [Joseph] Cloyd and Sawyers.

This Affiant was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania In year 1743 or4, but has no record of his age. From Lancaster County Pennslylvania, he removed to Augusta County Virginia; from Augusta to Montgomery County Virginia, and from Montgomery County, after the Revolutionary War had terminated, he removed to Washington County Tennessee, and from Washington to Greene County Tennessee where he has resided for the last thirty years.

He has no documentary evidence by which to establish the veracity of his statements and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

Anthony hisXmark Dunkin

NOTE: Dunkin has confused the skirmish at Wetzel's Mill against the army of Cornwallis on 6 Mar 1781 with the skirmish at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River against Tories on 14 Oct 1780.