Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Bull S18337

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At a Court held for Accomack County at the Court House thereof by adjournment on Wednesday the 1st day of August 1832 Daniel Bell of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 viz "State of Virginia, Accomack County to wit, On this 1st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Daniel Bull a resident of the said County & parish of Saint George aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he served in the militia of Virginia, from about the age of sixteen years till free by reason of age; that during the war of the Revolution he served in Capt. Garrett's (sometimes called Fitzgerald's) Company of militia, that during the War of the Revolution the militia of the County were frequently called out to keep guard and were in actual service a considerable portion of the time - the company was divided & served on duty alternately. That Col. Levison was commanding the militia of the County of Accomack during a part of the Revolutionary War. This deponent was engaged in defending the different posts on the sea board & Chesapeake Bay Coast of this County, and was stationed for the most part at the Barracks at Parker's Mill, but was moved from point to point as occasion required to prevent the enemy from landing for the purpose of obtaining supplies & committing depredations. This deponent states that at one time the company to which he was attached was marched up to Salisbury in Maryland by Col. Levison to suppress the tories who were dispersed. This Deponent states that he was in actual service bearing arms as a soldier in the militia during the War of the Revolution at least three years that he was born in Accomack County Virginia in 1759 – that he has a record of his age at his house – he lived in the s'd. county when he entered the service - that he has always lived there & still lives there that he never acted as a substitute – That John Cropper, Thomas Parker, Levin Joynes were among the officers of the regular army who went from the County where this Deponent lived, That he has never received a discharge – That Bowden Snead [pension application W7196], Custis Bull [S18338] are among my nighbours who will certify to my character for veracity and as to their belief as to my services in the Revolutionary war. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid Daniel Bull"

This deponent in answer to the interrogatories omitted to be put & answered in obedience to the Regulations of the War department says in answer to the

1st Interrogatory – That he was born in 1759 at Accomack County Virginia.

That in answer to the 4th interrogatory he says that he was regularly enrolled in the militia at 16 years of age according to Law & was called into service under the laws of the state as he supposes and according to the arrangement & classification of the militia made by the officers. And in answer to the 7th interrogatory he says he is known to Tho. R. Joynes Esq. Wm Gillett Esq. PM, Wm R Custis J.P. John W Custis J.P. Geo P. Scarburgh Atty. P P Mays Atty & to all the citizens of Drummond town & its vicinity. And in answer to the 4th objection to his claim he says that he was enrolled in the militia in 1775 & was a soldier of the militia during the whole of the War & for many years afterwards, & performed duty regularly during each & every year from 1775 to 1783 inclusive. And in answer to the 5th objection he says that the militia were classed & portions of each company performed tours of duty keeping guard of 8 or 10 days each tour, once a month or oftener in each & every year from 1776 to the end of the War, & that he cannot remember the dates of the commencement or termination of s'd. tours of duty, but that he was

in service at least one half of his time in each & every year during the whole of the War, & at least 3 years during the War - that the County of Accomack is situate between the Atlantic & Chesapeake & was more exposed than any other County excepting Northampton & that the British & tories were constantly making attacks & committing depredations - that in consequence of the exposed situation of the Eastern shore of Va. the 9th Va Regiment was raised for the special defence of Accomack & Northampton & early is 1776 said Reg't. was ordered to march northward which threw the whole burthen of defending these two Counties against depredations, upon the militia - & that immediately after the departure of s'd Regiment the militia were required to keep guard & defend the County as before stated. This deponent kept guard mostly at the Barracks erected for that purpose near Parkers mill – that he marched once to Northampton, but he cannot tell the year nor the precise length of time he was gone – but that in fact he was on guard, & on marches half of his time in each and every year during all the War. In answer to the 6th objection he says that he served under Capt. Elijah Garrett, and under Colonels [Southy] Simpson, [George] Corbin & Cropper in succession Daniel Bull [Supporting statements were made not only by Bowden Snead and Custis Bull, but also by John Bull, Jr, about 65, a distant relative of Daniel Bull.]

NOTE: The file contains a document certifying that Daniel Bull died in or about April 1835, leaving Eliza Taylor as the only child.