Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Dunaway S2530 VA
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State of Kentucky } Ss. Henry County }

On this 22^d day of August 1833 personally appeared before Price Nuttall one of the Justices of the Peace in and for Henry County and a Justice of the Henry County Court Samuel Dunaway a resident of the said County of Henry aged 69 years who is unable from bodily infirmity to attend the proper Court to make his declaration and 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 June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say – that in the month of August in the year 1780 as well as he remembers he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a six months tour in the Company of Capt. George Harrison. that he was at the time a resident of Richmond County Virginia and he rendezvoused with his company at the house of Flat Cox in Westmoreland County Virginia and he was marched with his said company on the river to Bay Coats in order to assist in protecting the country from the incursions and depredations of the British. That he was at Kingsale and other places on Yocomico river [sic: Kinsale on Yeocomico River] in Westmoreland County Va. and at various places on the Rappahannock river. He states that during this service he was not under the command of an officer of higher grade than Captain – that his Company acted in the main separately and that he was actively engaged during the whole of his said tour in actual service and at the termination of his tour after having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged

He further states that in the month of March 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private soldier and drafted militia man upon a tour of three months in the Company of Capt. Harrison who was the same officer under whom he served as above mentioned – that he rendezvoused with his company at a place called Farnham Church in Richmond County Va and from thence he was marched to the Rappahannock river and was there kept stationed during the whole of his tour in guarding the warehouses and the public & private property in that vicinity. that he was during this tour under the command of Col. George Glasscock. He states that he served out his tour fully and faithfully and at the termination thereof was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that afterward in the month of July 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of three months in the Company of Captain George Scisson and was immediately thereupon appointed an orderly sergeant of his said company by his said Captain and served as such during his whole tour. that he rendezvoused with his said company at Bowlers ferry on the Rappahannoc River in Richmond County Va. and was attached to the regiment of Col. Ellis and was marched from thence to a place called the poplars in Gloucester County at which place there were at the time a number of troops and he and his company remained there till they were joined by Gen'l. Washington and then the main army was marched to York and this declarant was marched to Gloucester and was there under the command of Gen'l. Weeden [sic: George Weedon] – he states that he continued with the Army and in actual service during his whole tour and that his said tour expired about two days before the Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] but that he remained in the Army and witnessed the surrender and being discharged returned home.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said Price Nuttall Justice of the peace as above named and member of the Henry County Court.

1st Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Richmond County Virginia in the year 1763 according to my information 2^d Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer I have none at this time: it has been destroyed.

3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Richmond County Va. when I entered the service where I lived some years after the revolution and then moved to Frederick County Va. and there continued till about 17 years age and then moved to Ky. where I have continued to reside ever since and I now live in Henry County Ky 4th How were you called into the service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer Upon some of my tours I was drafted and upon the others I was a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service Answer. I recollect to have seen Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne and Major Carey [sic: Archibald Cary] who were regular officers. Col. Peachy, Col. [George] Glascock & Major Redman who were militia officers whose names I have forgotten with whom I was acquainted. My services upon my tours were directed to the coasts of the rivers and bay principally in endeavouring to protect the country from the incursions and depredations of the British. I served upon my last tour at Gloucester when the British were besieged at York and finally captured.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become

Answer I never received but one written discharge and that was signed by my Captain and has been since lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution Answer I will name Price Nuttall and Jack Johnson as persons to whom I am known. Samuel Dunaway

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

NOTE: The certificate of Jack Johnston and Price Nuttall stated in part "the said Dunaway is infirm in body and that the Cholera is and has been prevailing in New Castle at which place the courts of Henry County are held."