## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of William Dodd S3292 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee McMinn County: County Court September Sessions 1832

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for McMinn County and State of Tennessee now sitting being a court of record William Dodd a resident of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee aged 71 years 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 after mentioned. That he entered the service of the United States as a listed with soldier under Captain Briant Whitfield Needham Whitfield was his first Lieutenant Colonel Heritage [sic, Colonel John Herritage] was his Colonel Allen was his brigade Major he was enlisted in Wake County in the State of North Carolina sometime in the year either of 1778 or 1779 Caswell was his General he was one of Caswell's life guard so called. He served eighteen months and was regularly discharged by Colonel Heritage. Some time after he returned home from the eighteen months tour he volunteered in Wake County in the State of North Carolina under Captain Needham Whitfield his other officers were Major Sharp and General Butler [John Butler] marched to Salisbury and other places through the State and was discharged by General Butler after having served three months his discharges have been destroyed long since. He was acquainted with General Butler Colonel Heritage and General Caswell. He was born in Buckingham County in Virginia in the year 1760, removed to Wake County in North Carolina where he lived during the war. He has a record of his age in an old family Bible at his house. 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 and year aforesaid.

S/ William Dodd, X his mark

I Benjamin Brown<sup>1</sup> a resident of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee do certify that I have been acquainted with William Dodd who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration from his youth and knows that he served in the revolutionary war as he has above stated having served with him part of the time and had a knowledge of him while he served the other part.

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Brown, X his mark

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for McMinn County and State of Tennessee William Dodd who being first duly sworn deposeth and says (by way of amendment to the above declaration) that he lost his discharges some time after the war he had to one given by Colonel Heritage and the other by General Butler and see has stated in the above declaration. Declarant states that he is acquainted with John Hambright and Ezekiel Ward a clergyman who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He never has received but two discharges and lost them both as above stated he never received a commission being only a private soldier and that he is the same identical William Dodd that made the above declaration of which Is an Amendment. Subscribed and Sworn to before Made This April 27th 1833

S/ William Dodd, X his mark

S/ Peter Hambright, JP

[Ezekiel Ward, a clergyman, and John Hambright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Application for a new Certificate State of Tennessee Roane County

On this 1st day of March 1838 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County of Roane personally appeared William Dodd who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Bryant Whitfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Heritage and also in a company commanded by Captain Needham Bryan in the Regiment commanded by Major Sharp in the Service of the United States. That his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Tennessee that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War which Certificate on or about the 4th day of September 1837 near Little Philadelphia in the County of Roane in the State of Tennessee he lost said Certificate he believes the same was stolen from him together with his pension money which he had just drawn and he has not been able to find or regain the same he therefore asked for a new Certificate.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year above mentioned S/ Henry Liggett, JP

S/ William Dodd, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 9 months in the Johnston County North Carolina militia.]