Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edward Douglass (Dugless) S3297 Transcribed by Will Graves fn14NC rev'd 3/14/10

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State of Tennessee, Jefferson County

On this 17th day of July A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, now sitting, Edward Douglas [sic] a resident of Jefferson County in the State of Tennessee aged 70 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 in the year 1779, the day and month not recollected, he volunteered and entered the Service of the United States; was enrolled into a company the Captain's name not now recollected, was commanded by Colonel Joseph Williams, was marched from Surry County North Carolina to Cumberland Gap Tennessee, thence he was marched back to Surry County in the State of North Carolina where he was discharged having been in service three months.

That afterwards, to wit, in the year 1780, the day and month not recollected, he was drafted and enrolled in Captain Henderson's corps, was commanded by Colonel Brannum, rendezvoused at a place known by Old Store in Surry County North Carolina thence he was marched to Moncks Corner, thence back to the River Santee and across the River thence to George Town [sic, Georgetown], near which place he was stationed for some time and was employed in destroying the vessels on Santee River, thence he was marched to Fayetteville North Carolina on Cross Creek, where he was discharged, having been in service three months.

That afterwards, to wit: the day, month & year not recollected, he volunteered and entered the Service in Captain Lewis' company, was commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], rendezvoused at Wilkesboro North Carolina thence he was marched to the head of the Catawba [River], thence to Broad River, thence down the River, thence to King's Mountain where he was in an engagement with the British & Tories, killed & took the enemy as prisoners. Thence he was marched to Wilkes County North Carolina and was kept guarding the Prisoners and also part of his time he was kept out guarding the Frontier until his term of Service, three months, expired and was discharged.

Afterwards, to wit: the day, month & year not recollected, he volunteered and entered the Service of Captain Humphries' company, the Commandant's name not recollected, but recollects well that it was General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] brigade; that he rendezvoused at Surry Court House North Carolina, thence he was

marched to Fayetteville North Carolina, thence he was marched to the North East River, at which place he was stationed until his time of Service of three months expired and was discharged.

And afterwards, to wit: the day, month & year not recollected, he volunteered and entered the Service of the United States, in Captain Gordon's company, rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina, was commanded by Major Lewis, and was then stationed & kept in Service guarding the Jail in Salisbury N. C. in which place there was a number of Prisoners confined, who had been arrested & taken as suspicious persons passing through the Country & confined there to await their trial, having Served three months he was discharged.

This Declarant 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; that he did receive several original discharges, which I have lost. 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.

The following Interrogatories are propounded by the Honorable Edward Scott Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit to the applicant, and the questions and answers embodied in the document.

First: Where and in what year were you born[?]

Answer: I was born in the year 1763 in Orange County North Carolina, near Hillsborough.

Second: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have the record of my age it is in my Bible at home taken from the record kept by my parents.

Third: Where were you living, when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war.

Answer: I was living in Surry County North Carolina thence I removed to Knox County Tennessee thence to Jefferson County Tennessee where he now lives.

Fourth: How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom?

Answer: I served as a volunteer also I was drafted.

Fifth: State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of your Service.

Answer: I served under the following named captains, to wit: Henderson, Lewis, Humphreys & Gordon. Major Lewis – Colonel Joseph Williams – Colonel Brannum. Colonel Cleveland, General Rutherford. The Regiments he does not recollect but thinks one was called the Third Regiment.

Sixth: Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I did receive several discharges which have been lost.

Seventh: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: as to my character for veracity and good behavior John Caldwell, James A. Thornton & Reverend A Gass and as to my revolutionary services I know of no person who can testify to my actual Service.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the 17th day of July A.D1833.

S/ Edward Dugless

Test: S/ N. B. Bradford, Clerk

[Andrew Gass, a clergyman, and John Caldwell and James A. Thornton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]