

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Duncan S3309

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State of Tennessee Smith County: on this [illegible] day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of Smith County aforesaid Elija Duncan a resident of Smith County in the State of Tennessee aged seventy-six next April who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 he thinks but has no certain remembrance of the year it being so long since with Captain James Wilson and served in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line of Regular troops for three years, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Arch'd [Archibald] Lytle he enlisted in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina and marched with General Rutherford's Army to Peytonsburg in the State of Virginia then back to Halifax in North Carolina thence to Wilmington where he was then transferred to the 9th Regiment under Captain Taylor [probably, Philip Taylor] and after that to the 5th Regiment under Captain Donoho he was marched to South Carolina and was there discharged on Savannah River after serving himself about eighteen months and furnishing a man named John McKinly to serve the balance of his enlistment which was for three years he got a written discharge but has since lost it he received a land warrant from the state of North Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he here declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. Pickett, Clk

S/ Elija Duncan, X his mark

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day to wit the 15th day of October 1833 Elisha Duncan appeared in Smith County Circuit Court being a court of Record and made the following amendment to his declaration to wit that he served the term of 18 months as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution at the time and under the officers mentioned in his Original declaration. Applicant has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can now procure who can testify to his service except the testimony here with and 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.

When and in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in Fairfax County and State of Virginia, but I do not know in what year.

2. Have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

Ans: I have none, but it is recorded in the Bible formerly the property of John Davis of Virginia

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live.

Ans: I lived in Caswell County State of North Carolina when I enlisted, I lived in the same State and County of Rutherford for some time, I then moved to the State of Tennessee and County of Smith where I have lived and have resided there about 26 years –

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

Ans: I enlisted as stated in my declaration

5 & 6. Interrogatories answered in declaration.

State the names of persons to whom you are known who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your Service as a Soldier of the Revolution

Refer to Colonel David Fite[?], Lenord Fite [?], John Fite, & Augustine Robinson Esquire Sworn to in open Court the 15th day of October 1833

S/ W. Hart, Clk

S/ Elijah Duncan, X his mark

[Jacob Fite, Augustine Robinson and John J. Bennett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The reason applicant did not obtain the certificate of a clergyman was he resides in a remote part of the County, and is principally confined at home, and he is acquaintance with the clergy, [is] very limited, his acquaintance being generally with itinerant men whose Certificate could not be procured.

S/ Elijah Duncan, X his mark

[fn p. 11: Thomas Terry of Smith County Tennessee says that he had an acquaintance with Elijah Duncan during the war and remembers distinctly of hearing it reputed that Duncan enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum. Veteran died December 14, 1840 in DeKalb County Tennessee, leaving no widow him surviving but the following children and only heirs: Elijah Duncan, Jane Rembil, Nancy Bon, Catharine Owsing, Abby Davis and Richard Duncan; Jonathan Fuson served as the administrator of his estate.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Elijah Johnson a private Soldier in Captain Taylor's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered February 1779: deserted April 1779. That he obtained a warrant for three years service on the 23rd October 1783, on the certificate of a Field Officer.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1833

S/ Wm Hill