

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Dortch: S35896

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State of Kentucky Lewis County Sct

William Dortch states before The Honorable Adam Beatty a Circuit Judge in the State of Kentucky for the first Judicial district including Lewis County That he enlisted some time in June 1780 for the term of Three years under Capt. Mitchell of the 1st Regiment of Maryland Continental troops Commanded by Col. Otho Holland Williams in the Revolutionary war and served as a private soldier. He states that he was in Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], Tarltons Defeat at the Cowpens [Battle of Cowpens SC where Col. Banastre Tarleton was defeated, 17 Jan 1781], the Battle at Gilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], the Battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] in the Battle at Fort Camden or second battle of Camden in South Carolina [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. He states that he got his discharge from Brigadier Gen'l [William] Smallwood, Commanding officer of the first Maryland Brigade on the 6th day of August 1783, but it is misplaced, so that he cannot command it. He states that he is old and in Indigent Circumstances and needs the assistance of Government for a support. He at this time lives in Lewis County Kentucky and has never Received a Pention from the United States. He states that he knows of no person in Kentucky by whom he can prove he was in the public service, but for proof on that subject refers to Samuel Danron, who he believes resides in the Destrict of Columbia. The said Danron was Lieutenant to the company in which he served and continued until he was discharged.

State of Kentucky Greenup County Sct.

On this 24th day of October 1820 personally appeared William Dorch in open Court the same being a Court the same being a Court of record for the Circuit and County of Greenup, aged about Sixty years resident in said County and Circuit of Greenup, who being first duly Sworn deposes, and Sayeth, and on his oath doth declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, he enlisted as a regular Soldier in the beginning of the year 1780. he was enlisted by Ensign David Lucket [or Lockett] on Roanoak [sic: Roanoke] River in Virginia County of Mecklenburg for three years and was placed in the Company Commanded by Capt. Mitchell which was a Company of the first Maryland Regiment Commanded by Colo. Otho Holland Williams, and was then marched to the State of South Carolina he was in Gates's Defeat about six miles from Camden he was next at the victory obtained by Colo. Morgan [sic: Gen. Daniel Morgan] over Tarlton at the Cowpens, and continued in the service for three years and three months, and was discharged by Gen'l. Smallwood at Annapolis in the State of Maryland, and he has not retained his discharge. He further states that he made his original Declaration on the 22nd day of July 1818 and has received a pension the Certificate of which is dated the fifth day of June 1819, No. 11.362 inscribed on the pension List Roll of the Kentucky agency. And he doth solemnly swear that he was resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intention thereby to diminish it so as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and he has not nor any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or Debts due to him no any income other than what is contained in the Schedule herein annexed and by him subscribed.

3 Head of Horses of the value of	\$60.—
2 Cows and one calf of the value	25.—
2 Sows and ten pigs	10.—
1 Chair and two water buckets	1.—
one small bake oven and one kettle	6.—
one pewter Dish and 3 plates	1.—

one plow and Gear	6.—
one axe and three old hoes	2.50
one pair Double trees	1.50
2 Crocks 1 table 3 spoons 4 knives & forks	2.—
4 tins	.25
Debts due	<u>3.75</u>
	<u>\$119.00</u>
He owes Debts as follows,	
To Gibbs	\$5.00
“ Hare	1.25
“ Jno Montgomery	1.00

He is by occupation a farmer, he is able to work but a part of his time, having received a wound at the Eutaw Springs by a thrust of a Bayonet and is now much subject to pains in his limbs and body. His family consist at present of his wife and a weakly Son of 15 years of age, he has ten children but all the rest have left him.

State of Kentucky}
Bourbon County} SS

Be it known that before me Boone Ingels a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared William Dortch and made oath in due form of Law, that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the Company of Capt. Mitchell in the Regiment commanded by Col. Otho Williams in Smallwoods Brigade. that for his services as such he applied for a Pension from the United States, and in 1818 obtained a Pension Certificate authorising him to draw a Pension of ninety six dollars a year commensing on the 4th March 1818 and payable at the U. S. Branch Bank in Lexington on the 4th of March & 4th of September in each year and that he has ever since until the present month regularly drawn his pension according to the tenor of said certificate either by himself or his Attorney. that until last spring his residence has been for many years in the County of Greenup, but having lost his wife some short time before, he has had no settled place of residence since, and in consequence of that fact, on his return from Lexington in March or April last where he had been to draw his pension, he left his Pension Certificate with Richard Turner of the town of Paris in Bourbon county for safe keeping, and came to Paris a few days since on his way to Lexington for the purpose of getting his Certificate to enable him to draw again but finds that said Richard Turner died of the cholera during the last summer, and upon such search among his papers as he has been enabled to have made, the certificate cannot be found, and he supposes lost or destroyed. it is at any rate out of his power to get it if in existence. He states that he is the identical person named in the said certificate tho' he thinks his name therein spelt Dorch as is very common, instead of Dortch as he himself spells it. he further states he has not drawn his pension for this month, nor given to any person authority to draw it for him, but makes this affidavit for the purpose of getting a Pension Certificate or of drawing his pension without one if permissible.

William hisXmark Dortch

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of September 1833