Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Dossett (Dosset) S37892 fn10SC
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State of Kentucky Hopkins County

On this 12th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Thomas Dosset a resident of said County & State aged about seventy-six 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 stated.

This applicant has no record of his age but from the best information he has received he was born in Orange County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1758 or 1759, that in his early infancy his father removed to South Carolina & settled between Broad and Pacolet rivers (the County or District not recollected) where the Revolution found this Applicant and where he was drafted for 5 months -- this was as well as this Applicant now recollects about three years before the close of the War. He states that his Captain was by the name of Tutt [Benjamin Tutt] under whom Moses Dosset (this Applicant's father) was Lieutenant and James Huggins Ensign all of them South Carolina militia. That he rendezvoused at Wofford's Iron works and marched thence through a wilderness Country to Seneca Fort on the Savannah River in Georgia -- that he remained on duty in said Fort [several indecipherable words] 9 months when being sick he was discharged and returned home he received a discharge for his full term of five months signed as he believes by his Captain but has lost the same -- Captain Tutt commanded at the Fort.

He states that about twelve months after he returned home he was again drafted for four months under Captain John Brumet [?] of the South Carolina Militia that he rendezvoused about three miles below Camden and marched thence to Lawrence's or Laurens' ferry on the Santee River where he was stationed until his term expired when he was discharged and returned home he received a written discharge signed as he believes by his Captain but have lost the same He states that after the close of the War he removed to Orange County North Carolina thence to the state of Tennessee and thence to the County of Hopkins in the State of Kentucky where he now resides -- He states that he served his first tour in a Fort on the Frontiers which was Garrison by militia and salt no regular officers nor does he knows that he saw any on his 2nd tour unless Colonel Shelley [sic, Isaac Shelby?] who commanded at Lawrence's or Laurens ferry was such. He states that he is known to Abner Cates & John Donaho residing in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He states that he is an illiterate old man and that he was informed he would have to prove his services positively to entitle him to a pension under the act of Congress [one or more indecipherable words] to nor was he better informed until very recently -- which accounts for his being deferred this application to this late period as he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Dosset, X his mark

[Abner Cates & John Donaho gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Kentucky Hopkins County: May County Court 1834

Thomas Dossett a soldier of the Revolution and applicant for a Pension this day produced in Court his declaration under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 and subscribed in made oath to the same and the certificate of Abner Cates and John Donaho there under written was also subscribed and sworn to in open Court whereupon the Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and upon putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above Applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier & served as he states and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Abner Cates and John Donaho who subscribed the certificate above named are Residence in this County and are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit ...

[attested by Samuel Woodson [or Woodrow] clerk]