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Pension Application of James Duncan S37901

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Georgia } James Duncan on this 19th day of November Eighteen hundred and twenty seven,
Baldwin County } personally appeared in Open Court (the Superior Court of Baldwin County being made a Court of record by the Constitution and Laws of said State), who being duly sworn saith, that he is at present a resident in the Town of Milledgeville in the State and County aforesaid aged seventy four years in February last, doth on his oath say and make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. that he the said James Duncan in the year 1776 enlisted for the Term of two years, at Pittsburg on the Ohio under the command of Capt. Andrew Waggoner [Andrew Waggener], attached afterward to the Regiment of Capt James Wood, in the Continental line. That he served nearly the whole of the Term of his enlistment and was honorably discharged by Colo Wood at Win Chester [sic: Winchester] Virginia. That some time in the year 1781 a few days before the Battle at Guilford in North Carolina deponent lost his pocket book containing said discharge which he has never been able to find That he was Eighteen months as a Volunteer in the southern army under Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], that during the whole of the Revolutionary War he was engaged in the service of the United States that he was at the Battles of Brandy Wine, German Town, Guilford, Eutaw Springs at the Siege of Ninety Six [Brandywine PA 11 Sep 1777; Germantown PA 4 Oct 1777; Guilford Courthouse NC 15 Mar 1781; Eutaw Springs SC 8 Sep 1781; Ninety Six SC 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and in divers other skirmishes & reconnoitering parties. That in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever nor any property, but the necessary bedding and clothing for myself and family

Sworn to in Open Court before me this 19th Nov'r. 1827 James Duncan

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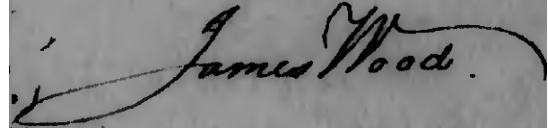
To the Hon'ble The Speaker and House of Delegates
The Petition of James Duncan, Richard Reeves [VAS2013], & William Grills [VS2014] soldiers in the 12th Virginia Regiment. Humbly Shew.

That your Petitioners being on the Fort Pitt Station were Ordered on Command by the Commanding Officer, to Escort a Quantity of Provisions for the Garrison at Fort Randolph [at present Point Pleasant WV], that on the Night of the 25th of December last the Boat by running on a snag stove; by which your Petitioners each of them lost their Rifles, together with sundry Cloathing. they therefore beg leave to refer the Annexed Depositions to the Hon'ble. House, and Humbly Pray their Consideration and they in Duty Bound will Ever Pray &c.

Frederick Sct.

James Duncan being first sworn before me one of the Justices of the said County deposeth and saith that the within mentioned Rifle Cost him the Day before the Boat Stove Six Pounds five shillings Pennsylvania Currency, that he lost at the same time a powder horn and shot bag worth Ten shillings and a shirt – he further saith that he knows the gun lost by William Grills which was a Brass Barl [brass-barrell?] Rifle, an Exceeding good one, and wou'd at that time sold for seven Pounds Ten shillings

Pennsylvania Currency. – he further saith that he knew the gun lost by Richard Reeves, that it was a New Brass Barl Rifle, and that he understood it Cost him Eleven Pounds Pennsylvania Currency. – Richard Reeves also made Oath that the gun lost by him at the time above mentioned Cost him a few days before Eleven Pounds Pennsylvania Curr'y. and that at the same time he lost a shirt, and also a Hat which Cost one Dollar – that he knew the guns lost by Duncan and Grills and that answered the Description given of them. – Sworn the 1st July 1777 before
[Col. James Wood]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Nov.4 1777 Ref'd to Claims/ reasonable
Allowed to
James Duncan £5 --
Wm Grills 6 --
Rich'd Reeves 8.16 --

NOTES:

On 20 Nov 1827 Benjamin Gilbert (pension application R4013) certified that he had known James Duncan during the war.

On 22 Jan 1850 James Duncan, Jr. assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension due to his father up to his death on 17 Feb 1834, stating that his father had lived in Baldwin County for four or five years before his death and had previously lived in North Carolina. On 16 June 1851 Eady Neeley (or Nealy) of Jasper County Mississippi appointed her brother, James Duncan, Jr., her attorney to collect her one-fourth portion of the pension due to her father. On 26 July 1852 John Duncan and Jane Harris of Baldwin County appointed their brother, James Duncan, Jr., for the same purpose.