Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Dunlap S38676 VA
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled An act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Joseph Dunlap of the County of Green [sic: Greene] & State of Tennessee, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private soldier in the following Companies & Regts towit declarant enlisted under Captain John Hayse [sic: John Hays BLWt1068-400] who was attached to the 9th Virginia Regt commanded by Col Mathews [George Mathews VAS520] on the continental establishment for & during the war as aforesaid and, continued in said Company until he was transferred at the (Vally Forge [sic: Valley Forge]) to Captain Hendersons [William Henderson R14952] Company which was attached to Col. Morgans [Daniel Morgan] Rifle Regt and continued in said Regt & was in the following battles to wit Piscataway [10 May 1777] Band Brook (in Jersey) [sic: Bound Brook, 13 Apr 1777] Saratoga [Battles of Freeman's Farm, 19 Sep 1777, and Bemis Heights, 7 Oct 1777.] Declarant states that after remaining in said Regts for some years he was transfered to the first Virginia Regt Commanded by Col. Campbell [Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] on the continental establishment & his Captains name was Conway Oldham [BLWt503-300] declairant was then ordered to the South where he was engaged in the following battles at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] where declarant was wounded in the right thigh – at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] at Guildford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] – at Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and also at Ramsowens Mills [sic: probably Ramsey's Mill NC, 19 Mar 1781] I further declair that I continued in the Army to the end of the war making in all abut seven years that he served & was discharged at Stono Bridge by Lt Robert Duit [Robert Dewitt?] And I also declair that I afterwards recieved certificates for the reward of eighty Dollars to which I was intitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15 of May 1778. And I further declair that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the pension List of the United States Witness my hand this 26th day of January 1829 Joseph hisXmark Dunlap

County of Greene ss. Be it remembered that on this 25th day of January 1831 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid Joseph Dunlap resident in said County aged about Eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820. That he the said Joseph enlisted for the term of three years in the last of the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Hays, in the Regiment commanded by Col George Mathews in the line of the State of Virginia in the 9th Reg't. of Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until 1778, was transferred to Col'n. Richard Campbell & after being again enrolled under Col. Morgan he was discharged from the service near Charleston in South Carolina; That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the Roll of any State & that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; That the obscurity of his situation dalay'd him for some time & his papers when made out, were lost or mislaid, that he was discharged in 1781 by Lieutenant Robert Dewit second Lieut in 2nd Vol. Reg't.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – that since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property towit a tract of land worn out which I gave to my son William in 1825 towards my Wife's & my support which is already exhausted in my support That by occupation has been a farmer & am entirely unable to pursue it or support myself by labour. William Dunlap aged about 30 years is my only child living with me & who is scarcely able to support himself & his family he having a Wife & four small children to support

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

The Register of Virginia will please to Issue a Warrant to me for the Lands due for my Service as a Regular Soldier in the Virginia Line for my Service five years and one half Witness my Hand and Seal tis 21 Day of October 1807 — Joseph hisXmark Dunlap Test/ Andrew Hay/ Thos Parton

The Bearer Joseph Dunlap enlisted under me as a Regular Soldier in the Ninth Regiment in the Virginia Line early in the 1776 that served as an Orderly Soldier untill he was he was draughted into General Morgans Corps of Rifelmen and I am informed he behaved as a Brave Soldier afterwards certify'd one this 21st Day of October 1807

John Hays a Major in the Late American Army

Sir) Joseph Dunlap Serjt inlisted in the Contenental army and was absent about Six years; and shortly Before the Battle of Gilford he hir'd for a Destrick[?] in our Company for Eighteen months and Did not Come Back till the war was over Certefide under my hand this 24th November 1807

Edward Lewin

Som time in the month of march at the Battel of gilford I saw Joseph Dunlap in the Regular service as a Soldier Certifyed By me
William Dickey november the 24 yr 1807
[Augusta County]

NOTE: A document in the file certifies that Joseph Dunlap had agreed to give to his son, William Dunlap, a tract of 130 acres worth \$400. Another document states that Joseph Dunlap died on 10 Feb 1842 leaving no widow.