



The Court then proceeded to propound the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1744 and raised in the State of Pennsylvania, within seven miles of the City of Philadelphia.

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

Answer. I have no record of my age, that was in a Family bible which was left in the state of Pennsylvania when I removed to Virginia.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I resided in Augusta County when I was called into service. I have resided in the same County since the Revolution and still resided in the County of Augusta about 16 miles south East of Staunton.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer. I volunteered my services on both tours of duty.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental & Militia regments as you can recollect, and the general circumstance of your service.

Answer. I remember that Gen'l Lafayette had the principal command, Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne had also a command. There were other Malitia officers I remember on the last tour that Col or Lt Col Wm Bowyer [William Bowyer] of the Augusta Militia and Maj Alexander Robertson of the Augusta Malitia. The General circumstances of my services I have in my above declaration set forth.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

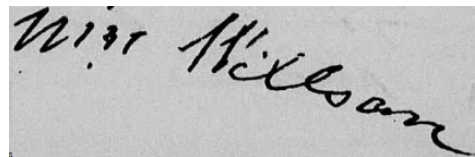
Answer. I never received any written discharge.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity, and belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

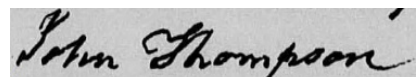
Answer. I would refer to Claudius Buster & Lewis Wayland esquires Justices of the Peace for Augusta County

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(Maj) William Willson of Augusta County aged about 87 years appeared in open Court and being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, state that he was personally acquainted with John Diddle the above applicant for a pension, that he served with the said John Diddle both tours of duty he has in his declaration set forth – that knows well that the said Diddle did serve both said tours of duty as he has set forth in his declaration, and under the officers he has spoken of, that he remembers the name of the Ensign which the said Diddle does not recollect was Zachariah Johnston of the Augusta Militia – that he believes the said Diddle to be about 87 years old, that he has all ways sustained and justly the charater of a man of truth. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Oct. 1832.



John Thompson of Augusta County appeared in open Court and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he was a soldier in the war of the revolution, and was personally acquainted with John Diddle the above applicant for a pension. That he know's that the said Diddle did serve the last tour of duty he has set forth in his declaration which he has heard read in open Court, and was in the company and under the officers he has therein stated. That he believes the s'd Diddle to be about 87 years old. That he has allways sustained a good character. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Oct 1832.



State of Virginia. Augusta County. SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace of the County and State aforesaid John Diddle who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and consequent loss of memory, he can not swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For four months I served as a Sergeant in Capt. Wm. Christians company. For three months & fifteen days as a private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed to by John Diddle  
before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833.

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