Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Dey S6782 VA
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State of Virginia }
Greenbrier County } ss.

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful the county court of Greenbrier, now sitting, Samuel Dey, a resident of the county of Greenbrier, and State of Virginia, aged eighty eight 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service in the year 1779, as well as he can recollect as a substitute for a certain Anthony Johnston who was a drafted militiaman from the county of Augusta and State of Virginia where both the said Johnston and this affiant then resided. He had accompanied a certain Major [John] Wilson with pack horses to the Ohio River where he engaged to become the substitute of Johnston. On entering the service he was placed under the command of a certain Capt Finley whose christian name as well as this affiant can now recollect was James. The great body of troops assembled at this point, (about 10 miles below Pittsburg [Pittsburgh] was under the command of Genl [Lachlan] McIntosh, who marched the army thence to the head of the Maskingam [sic: Muskingum] River. At this latter place the army encamped, and having remained there about three weeks, they were marched back to Fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA]. At Fort McIntosh the Army was discharged. On the dismissal of the troops this affiant applied to his Captain for a discharge but he was put off, and was deferred until it was finally neglected. This affiant entered on this campaign early in the month of September and he was dismissed or discharged about the latter part of the month of December; which would make the whole period of his service between three and four months.

He again entered the service on the first day of January in the yr 1781, (as this affiant believes for his memory is much impaired by age under the command of Capt John McCreary [John McCreery], as a draft from the County of Augusta; his company belonged to a regiment commanded by Col. Sampson Mathews, by whom they were marched to Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia. Here they remained until the month of April when they were discharged. As soon as discharged this affiant sat out on his return to his home in Augusta County which he reached on the last of April. He received no written discharge.

He was again drafted and entered the service in the 2nd week of June in the year 1781 under the command of Capt John McCreary and Col. Sampson Mathews, by whom they were marched to James Town. They then had an engagement with the enemy [Battle of Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown, 6 Jul 1781]. This service lasted "twenty days," as it was called, although this affiant was gone upon it near or quite two months. He rec'd. no written discha[rge]

He was born in Monmouth County East New Jersey about the middle of January in the year 1744. He has no record of his age. He was living in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia when called into service on the Cow Pasture [Cowpasture] River. Thence he moved to the Bull Pasture [Bullpasture River] where he continued until he moved to the County of Greenbrier where he at present resides. He does not certainly recollect the name of any regular officer with whom he served except that of Col Ferguson who this affiant believes was in McIntosh's campaign. James Gregory [pension application R4292] a survi-[?] witness will testify to the material facts herein stated whose Testimony will be [one or two illegible words] He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Sam

Saml hisXmark Dey

Personally appeared in Court the day and year last aforesaid James Gregory who made oath to the following facts. That he knew when the above mentioned Saml Dey who is an applicant for a pension sat out on the expedition under McIntosh, and also when he returned from the same. That he also recollects when the said Dey marched first under McClary & Mathews, and when he returned. He also recollects when the said Dey sat out on the 2nd Expedition (that to James Town) under the said McCleary & Mathews, and when he returned. he this affiant resided during all this time in the same neighborhood with the said Saml Dey and believes the facts to be truly stated in his aforesaid declaration which this affiant has heard read. Sworn to & subscribed in open court

James hisXmark Gregory

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia Samuel Dey, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he can not swear possitively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For nine months I served as a private soldier; and for such service I claim a pension. Given under my hand this 24 day of April in the year of our Lord 1833.