

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Duke S6808

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the fourth Monday of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in open Court, the same being a Court of record for the said County & State: William Duke a resident of the said County of Orange & State aged Seventy-eight years the 10th of June 1832 as he believes, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Continental service on the sixth day of May 1776 for two & a half years. That he enlisted in the County of Orange said State under Captain Archibald Lytle who resided in Hillsboro in said County, that he entered the service as a private. That Captain Lytle soon after said enlistment marched his company to Wilmington North Carolina where they joined other troops – Colonel Frank Nash [Francis Nash] who afterwards fell in battle at Germantown Pennsylvania as this deponent was informed, was the Colonel of the Regiment at Wilmington. James Moore as this declarant believes was the General. The Regiment to which declarant belonged, lay as he believes, at Wilmington during the autumn of 1776 and part of the winter, perhaps the whole of it succeeding. That in the spring or summer of 1777, the said Regiment with the troops marched to Charleston South Carolina. The declarant well remembers that it was warm weather that they marched the most of the way on the sea beach & he well remembers that he often bathed in the sea. The declarant further saith that Captain Lytle was promoted about the time the troops left Wilmington for Charleston, & he cannot remember the name of his Captain. The declarant remained at Charleston for a few months, the precise time not recollected – and was marched back to Wilmington North Carolina. A furlough was granted to this declarant at Wilmington for a short time & he returned home to Orange, and joined the Army soon after at Halifax North Carolina, where Robert Mebane of Orange County was Colonel. Afterwards this declarant passed as to the North and was at Valley Forge. He was there inoculated for the small pox – soon after his recovery, this declarant was marched to White Plains where General Washington in person commanded. At White Plains this declarant was under the immediate command of Captain Tilghman Dixon. This declarant was discharged near the bank of North River in the autumn of 1778 & returned home.

This declarant long since lost his discharge, and he believes that it was stolen from him nearly or more than 40 years ago. Hardeman Duke¹ the brother of this declarant & who is now an applicant for a pension under the aforesaid act, & who had enlisted about the same time & had been in the same service with him, was discharged at the same time & place & they returned home together to North Carolina.

This declarant further saith that in the month of May 1781 he entered the 10th Regiment under

1 [Hardeman Duke W783](#)

Captain Rayford as a Sergeant for 12 months. That for three months of time he went as a substitute for John Cain.

That during the said 12 months term, he was in the Battle when Gates was defeated. He was in no other battle or skirmish except one with our own men which was the result of mistake.

The declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present – And he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Du[damaged paper]



S/ John Taylor, Clk

[William P. Mangum, George C. Carrington and Allen Parrish gave supporting affidavits.]

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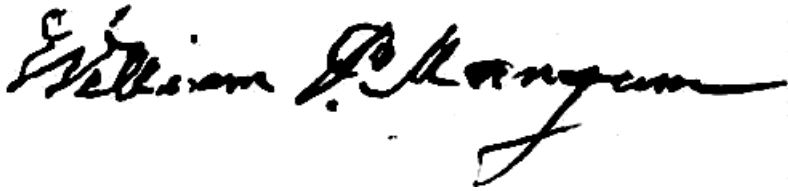
State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Duke a private soldier in __ company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted on the 6th day of May 1776 for 2 ½ years and was discharged in November 1778. That he enlisted as a Sgt. in Capt. Raiford's [Robert Raiford's] Company of the 10th Regiment on the 5th May 1781 for 12 months, that he was a private in January 1782 and left the service on the 23rd April 1782.

Given under my hand this 27th day of October 1832

S/ Wm Hill

[p 19: William P Mangum² of Orange County North Carolina gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the veteran as a soldier of the revolution stating that he, the affiant, has known the veteran for 60 years or more. His affidavit is dated November 16, 1832.



² Perhaps the same man as MANGUM, Willie Person, a Representative and a Senator from North Carolina; born in Orange (now Durham) County, N.C., May 10, 1792; attended academies at Hillsboro, Fayetteville, and Raleigh; graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1815; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1817 and commenced practice in Red Mountain, N.C.; member, State house of representatives 1818-1819; twice elected a superior court judge; elected to the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, until March 18, 1826, when he resigned; elected as a Jacksonian (later Anti-Jacksonian) to the United States Senate in 1830 and served from March 4, 1831, until his resignation on November 26, 1836; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Printing (Twenty-seventh Congress); received the eleven electoral votes of South Carolina for President of the United States in 1837; again elected, as a Whig, to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bedford Brown; reelected in 1841 and in 1847, and served from November 25, 1840, to March 3, 1853; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congresses; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1853; continued the practice of law until his death in Red Mountain, N.C., September 7, 1861; interment in the family burial ground at his home, 'Walnut Hall,' near Red Mountain, N.C.
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[p 20: George Carrington of Orange County North Carolina gave testimony that he has known the veteran for more than 60 years; that he, the affiant, has no knowledge of the services of the veteran but knows his reputation as a soldier of the revolution; this affiant states that the veteran is the son of John Duke.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$95 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service in the North Carolina service.]