Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Dunn S8359

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State of Virginia/ At a Court held for Albemarle County the 2^d day of October 1832.

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle now sitting James Dunn of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy two years on the 10th day of December last 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Orange and state of Virginia in the year 1759 on the 10th day of December and when a child, his parents removed to the county of Albemarle where he has resided ever since; At the age of sixteen years he was drafted in the militia service and marched from the County of Albemarle to Williamsburg under Capt. Robert Harris and commanded by Col Nicholas Lewis, Patrick Henry was the Governor of Virginia and by his orders we were stationed at Williamsburg about two weeks, when we marched from thence down to Hampton, where we served out our tour of two months and got our discharge. The said James Dunn has lost his discharge. Again between the dates of 1775 and 1781 he cannot be positive as to the precise time, he was drafted again to march in the militia and did march to Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] from the County of Albemarle under Capt. Wm Dalton [William Dalton] of said County, we marched down as far as Richmond where we were stationed a few days and from thence we marched down the James river and crossed the same to Cabbin Point where we were place under the command of Colo. [George] Stubblefield and serve a tour of two months. from thence we marched to Petersburg and delivered up our arms and got our discharge He has also lost this discharge.

In 1781 there was a call for troops to march to the South. The companies were divided into classes of fifteen and one for every fifteen had to march and serve eighteen months. The lot fell on him for one to march. He hired a man as his substitute whom he paid to go in his place who marched under General Steuben in April or May 1781. About the 1st of June of the same year while his substitute was performing his service under Steuben he was called on again to march to the same place & marched in the militia under the command of Capt Henry Burk [Henry Burke] from Albemarle County who was commanded by Col. Reuben Lindsay during the month of June & July. We served a tour of two months at the end of which we were discharged, he has also lost this discharge as he did the other not supposing they would ever be of any service to him. He was discharged this time at the merven hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] about 1st August 1781.

The declarent further states that he entered the service with Jonathan Munday [pension application S5795] Samuel Barksdale [W18568] & Cornelius Maupin [R7041] all of whom can testify in open Court. That he has a register of his age and has refered to it lately and finds the statement of the fact of his birth correct.

The declarent further states that 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid James Dunn

Thereupon the court propounded to the applicant in open court the following interrogatories

- 1 Where and in what year were you born?
- A. I was born in the County of Orange State of Virginia in 1759
- 2 Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
- A. I have a record of my age in my family Bible at home
- 3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

- A When called into service I lived in Albemarle County Virginia where I continued to live since the Revolution & where I now live.
- 4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom/
- A. I was drafted.
- 5 State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of your service.
- A. Capt Robert Harris, Colo Nicholas Lewis, Capt Wm Dalton, Colo. Stubblefield, Gen'l Steuben, Capt Henry Burk & Colo Reuben Lindsay the general circumstances of my service I have stated in my declaration.
- 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become
- A I received a discharge in every instance, but by whom they were given I dont now recollect, having lost them.

[Jonathan Munday stated that he served three tours with Dunn, and Samuel Barksdale stated that he served the last tour with Dunn.]

NOTE: The pension file of Brightberry Brown (R1282) contains a newspaper obituary of Brown, who died on 26 Jan 1846, as well as James Dunn, both of whom were said to have resided in the northern part of Albemarle County.