Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Dale W25515 Polly Dale VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 28 Sep 2014.

State of Virginia

Franklin County Sct

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Franklin County now seting Richard Dale a resident of said County & state afores'd who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. He was born the 1st of December 1759 and is 73 years old that he was born in Richmond county Virginia that when about nine he removed to Bedford county Va that in February 1780 he was called out in Bedford to serve a six month tour and marched under the command of Captain Thomas Arthur to Prince Edward Court house Va. the place of general rendevous – at that place he was transferred to the company of Captain Benjamin Scott, and was attached to a regiment commanded by Colo Swan – that the Regiment marched to the city of Richmond where having halted a few days he was put under the orders of a Capt Bishop to guard the magazine in Manchester – the magazine being removed to New London in Bedford [now in Campbell County] he was detached to guard it on the way and at New London did guard the said magazine under the orders of Captain Nathan Reid until the six months having expired he was honorably discharged – his discharge he has long since lost or mislaid – he knows no one living who can prove his service expressly, but refers to the affidavit of Lewis Mason herewith filed. On returning home was again called out for a three months tour and it being inconvenient to leave home then he got a substitute who served said three months and was at the siege of York and on the expiration of his tour returned home – This applicant removed after the war from Bedford to Franklin County where he at present resides – He has no documentary evidence [The following fragment interlined in a different hand] the questions prescribed by the war department having been put to him the above is the answer

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

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NOTE: On 13 Dec 1853 Polly Dale, 73, of Henry County VA applied for a pension stating that as Polly Haislip she married Richard Dale in Franklin County in Feb 1837 and that he died in April 1841. The file includes a copy of the return from Abner Anthony, a Baptist minister, for the marriage of Richard Dale and Mary Haizlip on 16 Feb 1837. Samuel R. Kirks, 33, certified that the marriage took place at the residence of his father, William Kirks. On an application for bounty land dated 13 April 1844 Polly Dale was still said to be 73, and it was said that her husband died in April 1842.