Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Doland W7040 Susannah Doland VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Virginia.

At a Court held for Buckingham county the 8 day of October Eighteen hundred and thirty two. On this day personally appeared in court John Doland a resident of this County aged 75 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 7th 1832. That in the said county (where he was born) in the latter part of the winter, or early in the spring (the day and year not recollected) he was dratted as a militia man & placed under the command of Capt. Charles Patterson [sic: Charles Patterson] of the same county, and was marched under him to Cabbin point [on James River in Surry County], Virginia, and from thence to Mackers Mill [sic: Mackie's Mill], from thence was ordered to Guilford North Carolina and after two days march towards that place, was met by information of the defeat of the american army at that place [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], and ordered to Norfolk in Va. at which place after serving three months he was discharged and returned home. In the course of a month or two, was again called into the service & was marched from Buckingham Va. under the command of John Couch (Capt.) to Richmond Va. and from thence to [blank] (the name of the place not recollected) about 50 or 60 miles below Richmond, where he joined a brigade, & was put under the command of Colo. [Charles] Fleming, from thence was marched to Suffolk in Va. at which place after serving three months more was discharged a short time before the surrender of Gen'l. Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. His discharged are lost. He was called into service at the age of 18 or 19 [sic], is entirely illiterate, can neither read nor write and cannot state particulars in regard to dates, names of officers &c. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. John Doland

I William Thornhill [pension application S14673] of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that John Doland of the county aforesaid served a tour of three months, under Capt. Patteson and the other officers named in his declaration, and that he entered the service at the time mentioned in the same, and I have a perfect recollection of all which he has stated in relation to that tour being in the same company with him. I also certify that I marched from the County of Buckingham under Capt. Couch and the other officers, named by John Doland in the second part of his declaration and that the said Doland was one of the Company, that I went through the County of Goochland and met my company at Richmond and have no recollection of then seeing John Doland Witness my hand this 8th day of September 1832.

NOTE: On 17 April 1855 Susannah Doland, 80, of Cabell County VA, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that she was married to John Doland in Buckingham County by Charles Maxey, a Methodist minister, and her husband died in April 1838. On 10 May 1855 John Doland certified that his mother was still a widow. On 17 Sep 1855 John McFadden, 60, certified that he witnessed the marriage of Susannah Woody and John Doland, and that after the death of John Doland in 1839, his widow moved to the western part of Virginia with her son, John Doland. A letter dated 28 April 1854 stated that Susannah Doland was "living upon the charity of the county."