## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Dunsmoor (Dunsmore) W7058 Jane fn51NC
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## [fn p. 15]

State of Alabama Morgan County: Orphants [sic, Orphan's] Court Special term on this 12th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of said Court James Dunsmore a resident of the County of Morgan State of Alabama of seventy-three years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the first of April in the year 1778 under Captain Maxfield in Sullivan County then belonging to North Carolina now Tennessee and was stationed at one Thomas McBoom's in guarding the Frontiers of the Cherokee nation that he served one month in this service as a drafted man in the Militia and was then dismissed without any discharge -- and he again entered the service under the same officer in the same year in the first of July and was stationed at the same place as a guard for one more month and then dismissed from service without a discharge this Tower [sic tour] he served in the same manner as above in the Militia. He again entered the service in October in the year 1778 under the command of Mcannen [sic, ?]<sup>1</sup> as Captain and Colonel Isaac Shelby and the same State and marched for King's Mountain as militia soldier Near [?] and after marching on the three regiments that formed all the Troops that were along at that time were met by an express and this applicant was left with the Baggage with about 400 more and after three days march met the Troops returning from the Battle of King's Mountain<sup>2</sup> at the Cowpens and marched with them to Wilkes Court House and was there discharged but received no written discharge -- in December after serving two months. And after remaining at Home but one week & again joined the Militia and marched into the Cherokee nation at Chato [Chota?] and Town under the Command of the same Captain Mannen and General Isaac Shelby and he'd marched on through the nation to Hiwansee [sic, Hiwassee?] and was two months in this Tower of duty and was dismissed in the nation to their respective captains. He 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 any Agency in any State he also states that he cannot find any living witness by whom he can prove his service in the above mentioned Towers of Duty to the questions directed to be propounded by the War Department he answers to the first

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in Ireland in the year 1760

2. That he has no record of his age

3d He was living in Sullivan County North Carolina when called into service, after the War he

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The War Department abstractors interpreted this name as "Warren."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> October 7, 1780

moved to Buncombe County same State where he lived 18 or 20 years and from North Carolina he moved to Madison County State of Alabama where he lived until he moved to Morgan County Alabama where he has lived 14 years and now lives

4<sup>th</sup> He was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> There was no regular officers with him, Colonel William Campbell and Colonel Arthur Campbell and Colonel severe and Colonel Isaac Shelby were the Militia officers and he has stated the general circumstances of his service in his Declaration

6<sup>th</sup> He states that he received no Discharges

7<sup>th</sup> He states that he is known to James H. Gillespie who is a minister of the Gospel and to Murdoch M. McKensie

S/ James Dunsmoor

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ M. M. McKenzie

[James H. Gillespie, a clergyman, and Murdoch M. Mackenzie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 7: marriage bond dated January 29, 1794 issued to James Dunsmore and Adam Dunsmore, bondsmen, both of Buncombe County North Carolina to secure the marriage of James Dunsmore to Jane McDonald, daughter of Andrew McDonald.]

[fn p. 20: on April 2, 1851 in Morgan County Alabama, Jane Dunsmore, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of James Dunsmore a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in 1794; that her husband died September 23, 1837.]