

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Dalton: S8295

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State of North Carolina} On this 10th day of September [1832] personally appeared before
Rutherford County} the Justices of the peace in open Court held for the County
aforesaid William Dalton a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of
North Carolina aged seventy eight 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 provisions made by the
Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he entered in the Army of the United States in
the year 1776 for the Term of Two years with Captain John Moore in the County of Albermarl
[sic: Albemarle] and state of Virginia at Charlottesville and served in the [blank] Redgiment of
the Virginia line under the following named officers. John Moore was the Captain and the
Redgiment was commanded by Colo. [Thomas] Nelson belonging to the Continental line of the
State of Virginia after the Redgiment was form'd. at Charlottesville we was marched to
Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] from there to Alexandria then to Baltimore from there we
was march back to Charlottesville, Va. or near that place we was placed to guard the magazine
and shortly after a large number of prisoners that was brot to that place [from Burgoyne's army
captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777] he continued at that post untill his term of Service
expired when he was honourably discharged in the year 1778. Shortly after that time his Father
with all the family moved to Burke County North Carolina in the very hottest part of the Indian
and Tory War in the adjoining Counties he immediately became a Volunteer under Captain
Joseph M. Dowell of Burke County North Carolina Ready at a moments warning to go to any
point we was Directed The Tories had at that time such a strong force bordering on us that had
to act on the defensive we had many small encounters with them they ultimately became to
strong for us. we that was able to bear arms had to cross the mountains to a strong settlement
on the west side where we Recruited our forces and Returned again to Burke County N Carolina
we there had a short Respite I went to Rutherford County N Carolina where I became
Immediately a Volunteer under Captain John McClain. we was principally employed in guarding
the Frontier and watching the maneuvers of the Tories on the borders of South Carolina. I was
sent under the command of Captain James McDaniel at the Seige of Ninety Six [in South
Carolina, 22 May - 19 June 1781] I think General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanded at
that place our suffering at that place was severe from there we came back to Rutherford
County N Carolina in fact I was not at any time three months out of actual service from 1776 to
the end of the war in 1781. I served under so many Officers I cannot Recollect the Different
names unless those that I was well acquainted with before I entered the Service I only Recollect
a Captain a Major a Col'n or a General we had no other names for them my being entirely
Illiterate I have no memorandum to check my memory I know we suffered many times as much
with fatigue and hunger as we was able to bear and many of my acquaintances sunk under the
burthen I well know that the exposure that I Rec'd. at that time from cold and heat is now
settled in my bones that I am not able to work to support myself & wife both on the decline
there was a short time past person's living that could Testify to many of these facts but they
have so removed that it is not in my power at this time to procure there evidence from the
distance we live a part I do here by Relinquish every claim to a pension or an Annuity except the
present and he declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any state
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William hisXmark Dalton