

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Presley Dollins S1806 VA
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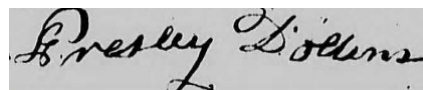
State of Tennessee } on this 23^d day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
Lincoln County } and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Abner Steed Jesse
Daniel Samuel Buchanan Gentlemen Justices of the court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Lincoln
county now sitting Presley Dollins a resident of the county of Lincoln and State of Tennessee age eighty
one 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 he entered the service of the
united States under the following named officers and seved as herein stated that in the Spring of the year
of 1779 he was drafted for the term of two months to assist in bringing the burgoyne Prisoners from
Charlottesville to the Barracks in Albemarl County virginia [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on
17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks 4 miles NNE of Charlottesville in Jan 1779] a man by
the name of Wheeler was captain at Charlottesville after the prisoners were received at the barracks he
was commanded by Capt Miller Daniel Harvey was his Colonel he continued to guard said prisoners
until his time expired And he was discharged by Capt Miller

In the year of 1781 he was drafted again for the term of two months his Capt was James wood [James
Wood] a man by the name of [Holt] Richardson was Col of the first regiment of virginia Militia to which
this applicant belonged the Brigade was commanded by Gen. [Thomas] Nelson they march to Richmond
and through different parts of the State of Virginia after the brittish some times the brittish would run
them and at other times they would make the brittish retreat After his term of service expired he was
dismissed about seven miles below Louisa Court House in the State of virginia the applicant did not
received any written discharge for this term.

On the 28th day of July 1781 he was again drafted for the term of two months Major John Mortin
[probably John Martin] lead the squad from Albemarle County virginia to Mobbins Hills [sic: Malvern
Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] on James River in the same state where the joined the great army
commanded by Gen. Nelson we did not remain there long before this applicant was detached from the
great army and commanded by strange officers he does not know any of their names except Col
Matthews [sic: Mathews] who commanded a regiment at Duncastle a bout twelve miles a bove
Williamsburg in Virginia he stayed at Duncastle some days where he was taken sick and sent to the
hospital at Williamsburg he remained there a short time and his term of sevice expired and he was
discharge by a written discharge from Gen George Washington who at that time was commander in Chief
of the american army. he has since lost it and also the discharge that he received from Captain Miller he
has lost he was born in Orang [sic: Orange] county virginia on the 9th day of July 1751. he believes he
has always had a record of his age taken from his fathers bilble until some few years ago he thinks he
has lost it at all the different times he was called into service he was living in Albemarle County state of
virginia and has lived there since the war until about twenty years ago he moved to Lincoln county
Tennessee where he now lives

he is known in his present neighborhood to William Edmenson [William Edmister] Esqr Chairman of the
court of pleas & Quater Sessions for Lincoln county & state aforesaid and Col Reuben H. Boone Capt
James D Cale who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier
of the revolution And that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose
testimoney he can procure who can testify to his services

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares
that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state in the united States Sworn to
Subscribed the day and year aforesaid



NOTE: On 1 June 1835 Presley Dollins had to reapply for his pension because he had not collected it for two years. Part of the reason given was that he was “very old and infirm and unable to travel, and the amount being small he at first concluded to draw only once in a year.”