

Sir: The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subscribed notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus -}). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A STATEMENT showing the Service of John Durdins, Simpson Cty., Mississippi

Period when this service was rendered: Vol. 1778

Duration of the claimant's service:

3 months

3 months

Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served:

Cap't Williams, Lieut. Pittman

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Rank of claimant: Pr.

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Names and Rank of the General and Field officers: Gen'l Caswell

Battles in which the applicant was engaged: (blank)

Country through which he marched: N. Carolina

Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period:

70 Daubs (Dobbs) County, N. Carolina

Evidence by which the declaration is supported: Traditionary

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,]
SIMPSON COUNTY.]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
AT OCTOBER TERM 1832

DECLARATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT OF
CONGRESS PASSED JUNE THE 7TH 1832

On this the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two (1832) personally appeared in open court before the honorable Edward Turner, presiding judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Mississippi, and now holding the October Term 1832 of the Circuit Court of the said County of Simpson and State

we believe him to be 70 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before.

S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge

S/ Wm Morris

S/ N. Freeman

[Attested by John R. Hubert, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Simpson County Mississippi.]

The State of Mississippi Simpson County: In the Court of Probates At May Term 1833
Supplementary declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this twenty seventh day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before his honor Bruster [sic, Brewster] H. Jayne Judge of the Court of Probates of the County of Simpson and State aforesaid now sitting John Durden [sic] a resident of the said County of Simpson 70 years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one made by him in the Circuit Court of said County on the 15th day of October 1832 which is hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1778 he the said John Durdin volunteered and entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the revolutionary war under Capt. Williams in what was then called Daubs [sic, Dobbs] County in North Carolina and under General Richard Caswell, but in what particular Regiment he served or by what Major or Col. he was commanded (by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now recollect) and served in the above named service as aforesaid during the period of three months with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority. That during said three months of service he march from the said Daubs County to Newberntown [New Bern] in N.C. thence through the woods by the seaboard to Wilmington, where he remained with the Army in said service for the said period of three months; during which time he and the other soldiers were engaged in building a Fort near the mouth of Cape fair River [sic, Cape Fear River]. And almost immediately on his return to Daubs County he the said John Durdin was drafted by the officers of the United States and again entered said service and served as a private for the period of three months under Lieut. Pitman and General Caswell, but that he cannot recollect the name of his Regiment nor of his Major or Col. In which last mentioned tour he march in said service from Daubs County NC where he resided two Kingston [sic, Kinston] N.C. thence to what was called the red banks and continued to serve in said war at that time for three months in addition to the three months service named in the former part of this declaration. That soon after he returned home to Daubs County say in the year 1779 or 1780, he again entered the service as a private soldier but that he does not recollect whether he volunteered or was drafted under the same officers under whom he had before served to wit Lieut. Pittman and General Caswell, but that he cannot recollect the number of the Regiment in which he served or the names of his Col. or Major. In which last mentioned engagements in said service he continued and served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority until the close of the said revolutionary war in which said last mentioned tour he thinks he served six months and in which he march[ed] from Kingston to the red banks on ~~Cape fair River~~ Tar River. That he recollects that he was in said service with the Army between Kingston and Tar River when the British march[ed] through that State on their march to Little Yourk [sic, York,

