

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Dunn W286

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

7 April 1829

William Dunn of Knoxville in the County of Knox in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Heard 's [Thomas Hord's] Company, in Col. Baylor's regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

14 April 1829

—It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to — in the —

It further appears that William Dunn is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—at the rate of — dollars per month.

The name of William Dunn cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office

29 April 1829

The records of this office do not show that William Dunn of the Virginia line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

General Land Office
1st May 1829

The name of William Dunn does not appear on the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia so far as they have been received.

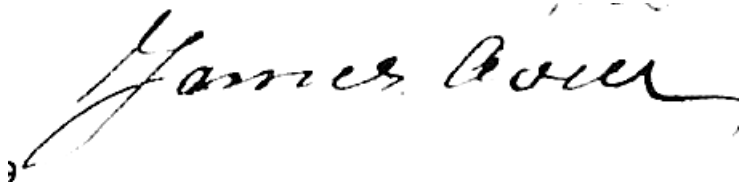
S/ G. W. Graham, Commissioner

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State of Tennessee Knoxville Knox County

This day James Acre appeared before me Zac Boothe a justice of the peace for said County and makes oath that he knew William Dunn while he was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and that he enlisted for five years – and was acquainted with said William during his service – that they both enlisted on the same day in Capt. Thomas Hoard [Thomas Hord's] Company – that as the fathers of this affiant and said Dunn lived in 1 mile of each other at the time they enlisted – and that he served out his time and both affiant and said Dunn were discharged at the same time after the surrender of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, at Yorktown, October 19, 1781] at Little York, at Winchester by Major George Willie Tranbleville or Traublefield [George Stubblefield] affiant thinks it was Tranblefield – when Capt. hoard joined the Army the company was transferred to different regiments affiant to the 5th & then to the 8th & Dunn to the 10th. Affiant does well remember all the facts stated.

S/ James Acree



[Attested September 3, 1830]

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State of Tennessee Knox County

This day William Dunn appeared before me and made oath to the following facts; that Col. George Baylor was his Col. at the end of the war, and George V. Stubblefield or Stuttwille was his major – and Capt. Thomas Hoard [Thomas Hord] was his Capt. – that he belonged to the infantry – and that he was discharged at Winchester Virginia – after the taking of little York as he was in that battle and was sent there with the prisoners, and shortly after the end of the war was there discharged – That he was discharged by Major George V. Stubblefield or Stuttfield he does not remember which – that he was not paid until sometime after his discharge, and that he is not certain by whom he was paid – but thinks it was by Col. George Baylor –.

S/ William Dunn

[Attested July 7, 1831]

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State of Tennessee Knox County

In compliance with the requisitions of Treasury department of the United States, and the act of Congress of the 15th May 1828 –

William Dunn – late a Revolutionary Soldier, and now an applicant for a pension under the provisions of the Acts of Congress – &c –

States that he served as a private soldier in the company of infantry commanded by Capt. Thomas Hoard [Thomas Hord] – attached to the 8th Regiment commanded by Col. George Baylor –

that at the close of the war he was discharged at Winchester Virginia by Major Oiler Stubblefield [George Stubblefield] – That the last pay which he ever received for his services was paid to him by a paymaster whose name he does not recollect – some short time before the capture of Little York that he has never received any bounty in lands – and that his enlistment at first was for the term of 5 years –

S/ William Dunn, X his mark

[Attested December 29, 1831]

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State of Tennessee Knox County

This day James Acree appeared before me Zac Boothe a justice of the peace for said County and State and made oath to the following facts – That he was acquainted with William Dunn before he enlisted in the Continental Army, that he has been well acquainted with him since and was well acquainted with [him] during the revolutionary War – that the said Dunn the present applicant for a pension first enlisted for five years – and before his term expired he enlisted for during the war in the Continental Army and served therein until the end of the war – said Dunn and this affiant were both in the battle at the siege of Little York and both marched with the prisoners as a guard, to Winchester and after peace was made, they were both discharged at Winchester Virginia at the same time – This affiant told this same story when his affidavit was first written and mentioned the omission, but it was believed not to be necessary – and this is the cause of it not being put in his former affidavit, the said Dunn enlisted for during the war and served therein until the end thereof – as this affiant and him Dunn were raised boys together and were very intimate during the revolutionary war, he consequently well remembers these facts.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of June 1832

S/ Zac Boothe, JP

S/ James Acree

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State of Tennessee, Knox County

On this 19th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Zac Boothe an acting Justice of the Peace for said County William Dunn a citizen of said County, aged eighty-one years, who having been sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 – That he was born in Bristol, England, on the 7th day of May 1751 – that he came to the United States in a vessel called the *Woods*, in the capacity of a cabin boy, when he was about 14 years old – that he landed at Philadelphia and being displeased with his Captain he pretty soon ran away and engaged himself to live with George Haywood who then lived in the State of New Jersey – about two years after he went to live with Haywood, he, Haywood, moved to Caroline County Virginia and applicant continued to live with him until he enlisted in the said County of Caroline into the Army of the United States, into a company commanded by Captain Thomas Howard [Thomas Hord], who was attached he thinks to a Battalion commanded by Major George Vibe [?] Stubblefield,¹ and to a Regiment commanded by Colonel George Baylor, which applicant thinks was the 8th Virginia Regiment – Applicant states that from his extreme age and the long time which has elapsed since his services were performed, that he now has but a confused and indistinct recollection of the various incidents of his said service – he recollects however distinctly that the time of his enlistment was for three years or during the war he does not know the year when he enlisted, but he well recollects that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] which he understands was in the year 1778 – he also recollects that he was afterwards at the storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] – he was under the impression that he went as a volunteer in this battle and does not recollect whether his own officers were there or not – he also recollects that he

1 Heitman lists a Major George Stubblefield in the 14th Virginia Regiment

was at Camden S. C. at the time of Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] – that he was there taken prisoner and carried to Charleston where he was put on board a prison ship and detained there two or three months, when his only alternative appeared to be an enlistment in the British service with a prospect of deserting them and again joining the American Army, or starvation as a prisoner – he chose the first and enlisted into the British service with the determination of deserting them the first opportunity – he thinks he marched from Charleston with a British Battalion under Major Andrew Maxfield to take possession of Fort Hampton² – a few days after we had taken possession of Fort Hampton, applicant deserted from the British Army, and joined the American troops then lying at or near to 96 [Ninety Six] – applicant believes the first engagement he was in after joining the American Army was at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], he thinks that before this battle he had joined again his own company under Captain Howard – applicant states that after the war is battle he marched up through North Carolina with the prisoners and after this he cannot recollect distinctly the incidents of his service, until the capture of Cornwallis – he states that he was at the siege of York until Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], when he marched as a guard to some prisoners taken there to Winchester Virginia, where after remaining some time, he was discharged by Major George Vibe Stubblefield – applicant states that he served in the Army of the United States more than three years – he states that he is so old and extremely infirm, that he has forgotten all the trifling incidents of his service, and only recollects the most important that occurred during his said service – he recollects of seeing while in service – Generals Washington, Greene, Wayne, Lafayette, DeKalb, Morgan, Poor, Lee and some other inferior officers, and served with the troops under their command – applicant cannot recollect whether he was ever transferred from his own Regiment to another, but of this he is not certain – applicant thinks that he has no record of his age but from the information of his Parents is for he left England he believes he was born in the year 1751 – Applicant states that shortly after his discharge he moved to Greenbrier County Virginia, where he lived several years when he moved to Greene County Tennessee where he lived a few years when he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he has lived for upwards of 40 years and where he now lives – applicant states that he received a discharge at the time he left the service, at Winchester, was from Major George Vibe Stubblefield, which discharge was destroyed by the burning of his house several years ago – he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 19th day of January 1833.

S/ William Dunn

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The name 'Dunn' is written in a large, flowing style at the top, and 'William' is written below it in a similar but slightly smaller cursive hand. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

S/ Zac Boothe, JP of Knox County

[p 7: On March 30, 1843 in Knox County Tennessee, Catherine Dunn, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 and 1838 Acts; she states she is the widow of William Dunn, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him sometime in the fall of 1782; that her husband died in the fall of

² Charles Baxley notes: "I wonder if "Fort Hampton" is not really Granby and his CO wasn't Maj. Arthur Maxwell, the CO of Granby.....Wade Hampton was contracted to supply the garrison at Granby for a time I seem to remember."

1837³ and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of Tennessee Knox County

This day Joshua Dunn,⁴ personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid – And made Oath that he well remembers William Dunn who is now an applicant for a pension under the provisions of the Acts of Congress providing for soldiers of the revolution – that said William Dunn enlisted as a private soldier under Capt. Hoard [Thomas Hord] in Caroline County Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Col. George Baylor – about two years after the commencement of the Revolutionary War – & served the United States until after the war was terminated. That affiant, William Dunn & James Acre⁵ enlisted & served together under said Capt. Hoard & were all discharged at the same time – from service by Major George Vile Stubblefield at Winchester in Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 7th day of November 1831

S/ Joshua Dunn, X his mark

Robert Armstrong, JP Knox County

[Applicant died on December 19, 1837; his widow's name was Katharine or Catharine (maiden name not in file). They had the following children:

Nancy born August 8, 1783

Thomas –February 9, 1785

Jonathan—December 29, 1788

Mary-- September 15, 1789

William—October 20, 1791

Bidiford—December 31, 1793

Elisabeth—April 9, 1796

Isabell—June 15, 1799

Anna—June 29, 1801

John—February 28, 1804

A daughter—October 20, 1806.]

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³ in a later affidavit, she states that her husband died December 19, 1837

⁴ Probably the same man as [Joshua Dunn S39467](#)

⁵ [James Acree W694](#)

Births of Children born to William and
Katherine Dunn

Nancy Dunn Daughter of William and
Katherine Dunn was born August 6th 1783

Thomas Dunn Son of William and Katherine
Dunn was born February 9th 1785

Jonathan Dunn Son of William and Katherine
Dunn was born December 29th 1786

Mary Dunn Daughter of William and
Katherine Dunn was born Sept 15th 1787

William Dunn Son of William and Katherine
Dunn was born October 20th 1791

Bridget Dunn Daughter of William and Katherine
Dunn was born December 31st 1793

Elizabeth Dunn Daughter of William and Katherine
Dunn was born April 9th 1795

Isabella Dunn Daughter of William and
Katherine Dunn was born June 15th 1799

Anna Dunn Daughter of William and
Katherine Dunn was born June 29th 1801

John Dunn Son of William and
Katherine Dunn was born February
28th 1804

A Daughter Do. was born to William
and Katherine Dunn October 20th 1806

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Tennessee Knox County

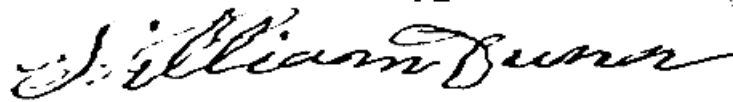
William Dunn being duly sworn on the Evangelists of Almighty God says that he enlisted at Caroline Court house in the State of Virginia sometime in the year 1777 as he believes into the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Hoard in the 5th Regiment commanded by __ in the Virginia State line on Continental establishment for the term of five years. That deponent served in said Regiment but a short time until he was transferred to the 10th Regiment which as he now believes was commanded by Col. Hendrick [?], but of this he is by no means certain – that he continued in said Regiment until the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York, at which time he was detailed as a guard to

conduct the prisoners to Winchester Virginia where he was honorable [sic] discharged by Major George Ville Traublefield – that he served out the time of his enlistment in the Virginia State line – that his discharge was burned by accident several years after he got it – that deponent never has received any bounty in land for his service: that deponent is about seventy-nine years of age; and was at the time of his enlistment of fair complexion of small gray eyes, dark hair, five feet eight inches high; and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 4th day of September 1830

S/ Zac Boothe, JP

S/ William Dunn

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Dunn". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The first letter "W" is large and prominent, and the signature ends with a long, sweeping tail.

State of Tennessee Knox County

James Acre being duly sworn upon the Evangelists of Almighty God says that he was well acquainted with William Dunn while he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and that he enlisted for five years – That he was acquainted with the said William during his service – that they both enlisted on the same day which was some time in the year 1777 into the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Hoard – that the fathers of this affiant and the said Dunn lived within a mile of each other when they enlisted, and that he served out his time as he believes, and with affiant and said Dunn was discharged at the same time after the surrender of Cornwallis at little York, at Winchester Virginia by Major George Willie Traublefield – that when Capt. Hoard's company joined the Army it was divided and attached to different regiments – that to the best of his recollection the said William was attached to the 10th Regiment until the surrender of Cornwallis – and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 4th day of September 1830

S/ Zac Boothe, JP

S/ James Acree