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Virginia

William Dove
Pittsylv^a in the State of Va
who was a pr: Cor: Sea in the _____ commanded
by Captain _____ of the Regt commanded
by Meredith Co in the Va
line for 19 months -

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia
at the rate of 73 - Dollars _____ Cents per annum
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10th day of April
1832 and sent to William
Junston, Pittsylvania Co. Va

Arrears to the 4th of March 1832 146
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 Sept " 36.50
\$ 182.50

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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Let 16 April 1835 Pri: agent
Pensioner
= Letters of Proclamation 24th
of J. A. Johnston June 24th 1842
=

10-889



State of Virginia

County of Pittsylvania of,

On this 22nd day of August 1872 personally appeared in open Court before William A. Cannitt, Daniel Coleman, Coleman D. Bennett and David A. Clark the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting, William Dove a resident of Camden Parish in the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia aged twenty four 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 1872. —

That he was born in Charles County Maryland 27th November 1758 and moved to Fairfax County Va. when quite young, with his parents — that in August 1777 at the time the British landed at the head of Elk River and marched towards Philadelphia, an express arrived at Fairfax County Va. When he volunteered under Capt Thomas Pollard (the name of the Lieut. he forgets) Col. Rumby of Alexandria was Commandant of the Regiment and Seal and Dennis Ramsey were Captains in the same — the name of his Major he forgets — that in a few days after he volunteered he marched from Alexandria (the place of rendezvous) through George Town, Frederick Town Maryland and York Town about the line of Maryland & Pennsylvania to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, that there he remained about a week. When an express arrived for the troops to join Gen. Washington at Head Quarters, but on the march he was taken with the Small Pox and had to lie by for a few days and during his confinement heard the roar of

the Cannon at the battle of Germantown; after his recovery he rejoined his Company at Genl. Washington's head Quarters and there remained until his three months expired.

That in September 1778 he enlisted as a Marine on board the Ship called the Genl. Washington at Alexandria, which was destined to carry dispatches to France. Francis Speaks Capt. & Land. Walker Lieut. of the Ship; William Landford Capt. and William Pearson Lieut. of the Marines and Doct. Wm. Ramsey Surgeon, the same month he enlisted he sailed and arrived in France in the unusually short passage of eighteen days which was said to be the quickest passage that ever then had been made.

That they remained at a small town called Paimbean about fifteen miles below Nantes, the whole winter. In March they sailed to Brest and joined the French fleet and in April sailed out from Brest in company with about ninety vessels of various Nations which were convoyed by the French Ships, of war out to sea. After getting clear of the Coast of France leaving the French Ships, the General Washington cruised on the Coast of Spain awhile and returning home near Cape Henry fell in with and took a British Privateer and brought her into Alexandria the last of June 1779.

That in March 1780 he enlisted on the same vessel as a Seaman, Land. Walker, Capt. and Hogg Lieut. (no Marines) and sailed from Amsterdam in Holland, conveying some Merchant Vessels out of the Chesapeake Bay — On the passage the Genl. Washington fell in with & took a large British Merchantman — that he with seven more, was detailed to take Command of the prize and brought her and four prisoners into Philadelphia in July 1780 when she was taken but he never received a cent of

the Prize Money - He then returned home by Water to Baltimore & then by Land home -

In July 1781 he volunteered under and was appointed Corporal by his old Captain Thomas Pollard; that he forgets the name of his Lieut. that he marched to the Noblin Mills below Richmond Va. and his Company was there attached to the Command of Col. Mearns and Major Dardy, thence they marched to a place called Springfield below Williamsburg Va. and there he was employed with a guard the most of his time in guarding Burwell's large house on York River, which was in sight of the British Shipping; that his three months then expired & he returned home with his Captain in October (he thinks early) in 1781 -

That he never received any discharge having always returned with his officers, and he does not think it was customary with any of his Captains to give discharges; He was well acquainted with Col. Wood, Lawyer Simms, Capt Ramsey, Capt. W. Ellzey, the Fitzhughs, Masons and Col. Broadwaters, all of whom then lived in Alexandria (which was then in Fairfax County) or in the County. - That he emigrated to Pennsylvania County Va. in 1783 where he has resided ever since and in this Section of Country is well acquainted with the Gen. Nathl. D. Claiborne, (Member of Congress, William Junstadt Clerk of Pennsylvania County, Walter Cook Esq. a Capt in the regular army in the late War and many others to whom he refers respectfully. - He herewith forwards the affidavit of Stephen Dove who is the only person living within his reach, who could testify to any of the facts and he hopes he will not be put to the trouble taking a long journey to his native

County to give further Proof

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. —

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Wm. J. Dove

Mark

* See Stephen Dove affiant

We Griffith Dickerson a Clergyman, residing in the County of Pittsylvania Virginia and Arony Mustain residing in the same County hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with William Dove, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy four years of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighbourhood where he lives to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. —

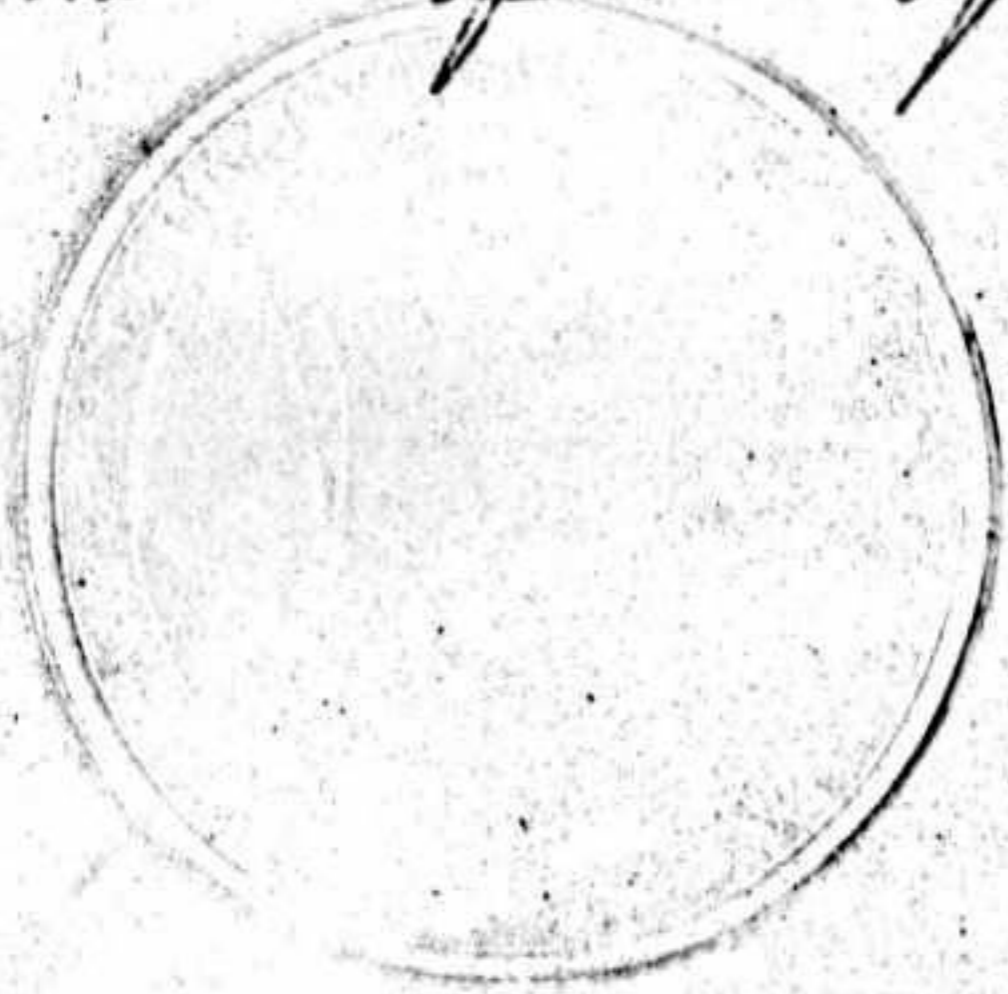
Sworn to & subscribed the day
and year aforesaid.

Griffith Dickerson
Arony Mustain

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further Certifies that it appears to them that Griffith Dickerson who has signed the preceding Certificate is a Clergyman resident in the County of Pittsylvania Va. and that Arony Mustain who has also signed the same is a resident in the County of Pittsylvania Va. and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit. —

I William Jernall Clerk of the County Court

of Pennsylvania, do hereby Certify that the foregoing Contains the Original Proceedings of the said Court in the Matter of the application of William Dove for a Pension



In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office this day of August. one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Wm L. Cannell

* Pennsylvania County
State of Virginia 3^d J.

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me William L. Cannell a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Stephen Dove who being first sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following statement — That he is the Nephew of William Dove who is an applicant for a Pension; that he lived with William Dove's Mother in the County of Fairfax V^a during the whole Revolutionary war, that he knows the said William Dove marched from Alexandria and served a term in the Militia of 3 or 4 months in the year 1777; that afterwards the said William Dove sailed in a Ship called the Washington from Alexandria and made two Voyages and was absent in the two Voyages between one and two years, that he knows the said William Dove in the year 1781 marched with a Company of Militia from Fairfax County V^a and was absent about three months and returned with his Company. —

Witness

John M. Dickerson

Stephen Dove

Sworn to and Subscribed, this ^{day and} year aforesaid

Wm L. Cannell Justice of the Peace

William Dove

Virginia

No 10887

On Bill

By the Ball

3 mo. present — 10.00

3. Cap — 11.00

13 no Seaman — 52

\$73.00

Jan 1777

Cap Ball

Cap Monmouth Pa

Mr. Munnstall

At Pittsylvania

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Asst. Secretary

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BRIEF in the case of *William Dove*
of *Littonia County* in the State of *Virginia*
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *74 years.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.	
	Years,	Months,	Days.			
<i>In 1777 (October)</i>	—	<i>3</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. Washington</i> <i>Col. Remy, Capt. John Pollard</i>	
<i>Sept 1778</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Col. Lead, Dennis Rumsay</i> <i>Ship Called the Real Washington</i>	
<i>March 1780</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Seaman</i>	<i>Capt. Speake, St. Walker</i> <i>Commander Capt. of Marines</i>	
<i>July 1781</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>Corporal</i>	<i>Same Ship, Capt. Walker de Wood</i> <i>Col. Munguetter</i> <i>Major Hardy, Capt. Pollard</i>	
		<i>19</i>				

5. In what battles was he engaged? *not really*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Warfat Co Virginia*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *one living witness in part & traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *defective on separate sheets of paper*

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

C. Little Examining Clerk.

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BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of *William Dove* which require further proof or explanation.

I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *Yes*

II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *Yes*

III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?

IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *Yes*

V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *Yes*

VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *Yes*

VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *Yes*

VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *Yes*

EXPLANATORY NOTES

IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *Yes*

X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *Yes*

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age, and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *Yes*

William Dore
further proof or explanation.

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? *Does the declaration show where the applicant resides - Yes*

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? *Nothing unless*

XIV. † If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service? *Yes*

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses? *No*

Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct? *Yes*

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service? *Yes*

XVI. † Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *No*

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? *Yes*

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

* QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:
"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For _____ year _____ months, and _____ days, I served as a _____; For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

†QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

†QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

☞ In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

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