

William Dawson (FPA s35883)

On 02Jul1818, William Dawson appeared before circuit court in Bourbon County KY to record his deposition for a hardship pension. He stated that he entered service in Lancaster PA in 1775 or 6 or 7 for two years with the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment under Colonel Webster and fought in battles at Trenton, Brandywine and others. After discharge, he went to Salisbury NC and enlisted for three years. Under Captain Roy and Lieutenant Watts, he was in the Cavalry of Colonel William Washington at Kings Mountain (07Oct1780), Guilford CH (15Mar1781), Gates' Defeat (16Aug1780), Hanging Rock, and Cowpens (17Jan1781). At Cowpens he received many severe wounds. He was discharged by Captain Roy at Salem. A man named Williams who was wounded at Guilford CH was given as a potential witness. He was about 80 years old.

On 22Aug1820, Dawson again appeared at Bourbon Circuit Court to renew his pension. He stated that he was about 86 years old and resident of Bourbon County. He stated that he served five years on Captain Roy's company of William Washington's light dragoons. He held Kentucky pension certificate # 8,243 for payment of \$8/month.

The service record cannot be accurate and true. The officers and units were not in the engagements stated. It is unlikely that Dawson was wounded at Cowpens.