

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Dickinson R2939 Mary Dickinson VA
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State of Virginia }
Caroline County } ss

Be it known that on this 11th day of May 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs Mary Dickinson a resident of the County & State aforesaid – aged ninety years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 & the 4th day of July 1836. That she is the widow of William Dickinson, who was a private in the army of the Revolution, in two tours of duty and a Corporal in two tours of duty, which said several tours of duty, were either under Capts Tyler, Quarles, or Buckner in the second & third Regiment under the Command of Gen'ls. Spotswood & Mathews, and she believe said tours of service were for six months each on Continental establishment [see endnote], but she cannot now recollect, certainly whether her said husband continued in service six months in each tour or not, but he certainly continued until he was regularly discharged by the competent authority – She further declares that she was married to the said Wm. Dickinson on the 9th day of January 1771 and that her husband, the aforesaid William Dickinson died on the [blank] day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred & two and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

Wm. W. Dickinson JP

Test Augustine Dickinson

Mary herXmark Dickinson

The Affidavit of Ann Dickinson [widow of Thomas Dickinson, pension application W4178] aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn saith on her Oath that she removed to the County of Caroline to live in the year 1774 and located to live in the immediate vicinity of the late Doct Wm. Dickinson dec'd. and at that time he was married to Mrs. Mary Dickinson, but the time of his marriage was before she was acquainted this him, therefore she cant undertake to say when it took place; it was before the commencement of the war of the Revolution or the year 1774. that she has resided in said vicinity ever since the time above named, and that the said Wm. & Mary Dickinson lived together as man and wife from the time of her acquaintance with them until the death of s'd. William Dickinson, which took place in about the year. [sic] this 25 June 1840.

Ann herXmark Dickinson

[The following is with the pension application of Ann Dickinson:]

State of Virginia
Caroline County ss

on This day the 8th January 1840 personally appeared before the subscriber [Wm. W. Dickinson] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Wm. Madison [William Madison, pension application S5724] aged 75 years (a revolutionary pensioner of the United States) who being first duly Sworn according to law, saith on his Oath that he was well acquainted with Wm. Dickinson late of Caroline County (and the husband of Mrs. Mary Dickinson now living in the upper end of this County), that he served three tours in the army of the revolution with the said Wm. Dickinson, towit one at Westover (about the time the British army landing there) one in & about Norfolk, and the tour called the flying tour, from Richmond or its vicinity (when invaded by the British) toward Charlottesville & thence through Orange to the Rackoon ford [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River, June 1781]] in Culpepper, & thence to York Town or its vicinity.

The said Wm Madison further said on oath that he was particularly acquainted with the late Thos. Dickinson of this County (the husband of Mrs Ann Dickinson) and that he saw & knows that said

Thomas Dickinson was also in each of the three tours of duty, named above, and also the said Thos. Dickinson was at the Siege of York in 1781 – and further this affiant saith not. officers are not recollected sufficiently to particulize names Wm X Madison

NOTES:

Enlistments in the Continental service were always longer than six months, and tours in the Virginia militia were almost always for only three months, even when attached to a Continental regiment. The officers referred to in Mary Dickinson's application were probably the following: Capt. John Tyler of the Caroline County Militia; Capt. Roger Quarles of the Caroline County Militia; Capt. Richard, Philip, or William Buckner of the Caroline County Militia; Col. Alexander Spotswood of the 2nd Virginia Continental Regiment; Col. Thomas Mathews of the Virginia militia.

On 5 July 1839 Jonathan Dickinson, 70, stated that "Wm. Dickinson was drafted to serve in the army of the Revolution, and that he remembers well the said Wm. Dickinson served one tour of duty in the said army of the Revolution, his Captain was either R. Quarles, J. Tyler or Robert Tompkins. its very probable he served several other tours, indeed I know that he acted as Corporal, in one other tour, but I was too young to be in the army, and did not reside near enough to said William Dickinson to know all the particulars of the services he performed in the said army."

A letter by William W. Dickinson dated 25 Sep 1839 states in part: "Mary Dickinson entirely blind, and no male to attend or manage their little farms."