

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Dickson (Dixon) R2942

Hannah Dickson

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State of South Carolina Sumter district: Ordinary's office

On the Sixth day of February 1855 before William Lewis Esquire, Ordinary for Sumter district and State aforesaid personally appeared Enos Dickson aged about 72 years a resident of Sumter district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act passed the 4th of July 1836; to wit that he is the only surviving child of James and Hannah Dickson, whose name before marriage was Hannah Doscia, that his father the said James Dickson [text missing] has been informed and believes was a native of Jacksonborough South Carolina with his father (deponent's Grandfather) was an Irishman and that the deponent's Mother the said Hannah Doscia was born in Ireland and [was] about 10 or 12 years old before coming to America: That his said [text missing] Dickson volunteered as a Soldier at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and continued in service until its peace was proclaimed having long previous married the said Hannah Doscia which marriage was thus Solemnized by a Presbyterian preacher in a church near Colonel Richardson's [Richard Richardson's] in Kershaw district South Carolina and which was often pointed out to him by his Mother in passing it: That his said Father served in said war as aforesaid, was taken prisoner by the British at the Siege of Charleston South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780],¹ discharged on his parole, returned home to his wife and children at Kings old field Sumter district in company of Zac: (supposed Zachariah) Canty who had also been taken prisoner & paroled: That his said Father, the same night of his arrival at home burned his parole and following morning started off on his own horse and joined General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Horseman and continued to serve in the Cavalry until the enemy left the country [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782] and that his father was wounded by a musket ball at the Siege of Charleston aforesaid but not disabled: That his father died when he was quite a young boy whom he does not recollect, leaving his Mother a widow and four children including this declarant -- fifteen of his Brothers and Sisters having died previous, who never again married, but continued as the widow of the said James Dickson until she died the day after Robert Dow committed suicide, which was about the year 1840 leaving three Surviving children to wit this declarant and his two Sisters named Liviey Blancet and Martha Brewer who have since died: leaving this declarant the only and youngest Surviving child of Nineteen children of the Said James and Hannah Dickson,

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

but has no record of the marriage of his father and Mother and births of their Children nor does he believe any record of the same is now in existence although his Mother informed him his father Keep a record of his children's births regularly made when born: That the declarant has no evidence or record of his Mother Hannah Dickson's death but believes it occurred at the time stated from his recollection in connection with it of Mr. Dow's death within referred to: That declarant further says he had a conversation with his Mother about his age some three years before her death and stated she was then about 110 years old: and moreover declares he has never made any application for pension except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed before me and Sumterville the day & year first within mentioned
S/ Enos Dickson, X his mark

S/ W. Lewis

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State of South Carolina Sumter district

On the 3rd day of June 1856 before the Subscribing Magistrate in and for the district and State aforesaid personally appeared Samuel M. Dickson aged 61 years and Frances or Fanny Dickson aged about 59 years wife of the said Samuel M. Dickson both residents of said district, who being duly and separately sworn according to law upon their oaths Swear -- that since the marriage of these deponents they had the births of their children regularly recorded from time to time in their family Bible which record became partly destroyed by rain and in consequence the said Frances or Fanny Dickson got Alexander Batman a near neighbor of these deponents about 10 years ago to make a true copy from the Bible of the said births of their children which copy is hereunto attached: That previous to these deponent's last child Sarah Virginia Dickson being born on 23rd December 1839 -- Hannah Dickson widow of James Dickson reputed Revolutionary Soldier resided for some time in the family of these deponents but before the birth of said Sarah Virginia the said Widow Hannah Dickson was removed to the plantation of Hamilton Boykin in the adjoining district of Kershaw where the said Hannah Dickson died some time in April 1840 following after the birth of said Sarah Virginia Dickson at a very advanced age supposed to be considerably over one hundred years; that the said James Dickson husband of said Hannah died a very long time since leaving the said Hannah with a numerous family of children his widow, who never again married but continued his Widow until she died in April 1840 as aforesaid, leaving only one surviving child named Enos Dickson, and that the said Enos was the youngest child of his said parents as these deponents believe and so understood ever since they remember. The said deponents further swear that the said Alexander Batman had some time since emigrated to Alabama and cannot conveniently obtain his deposition as to the correctness of the copy or extract he made of their children's births from the family Bible hereunto appended; which with the deposition would have long Since furnished; but these deponents reside in a remote part of the State and could not find it convenient until they were personally waited on at their residence for the purpose of taking the deposition and receiving said extract of the ages: These deponents more over swear that they have no interest in the pension claim to which the said Enos Dickson may be entitled to for the services of his said father James Dickson in the Revolutionary war or the in the prosecution of said claim:

S/ Sam. M. Dickson, X his mark

S/ Fanny Dickson

*Sam. M. ^{his} Dickson
 Mark
 Henry Dickson*

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year first within mentioned and I certify the affiants are respectable persons and credible witnesses and that I have no interest in this claim
 S/ Geo. S. Lambecker, Magistrate

[p 4: On June 4, 1846 in Sumter District, SC, Dorcas Boykin, 62, testified that she is the youngest child of 4 surviving children of Shadrach and Celia Rodgers, both deceased, late of Sumter and Kershaw districts; that her father was a revolutionary soldier; that she has been an intimate acquaintance of Hannah Dickson since her (Dorcas') youngest son, Mosqow was born some 25 years ago; that Hannah died at the home of her (Dorcas', I think) brother in law, Hamilton Boykin.

Dorcas Boykin]

[p 18: SC Comptroller General's office certificate dated Sept. 6, 1855, showing payments made to a James Dickson for 80 days duty under Capt. Chestnut per his pay bill, certified by Major Postell; 61 days; 110 days; 310 days; for duty in Roebuck's Regt.; 140 days duty in horse from 8 October 1780 to 3rd April 1781 under Capt. John Lawson, certified by Col. Thomas; 80 days from April 3, 1781 to July 1, 1781 under Capt. Jeremiah Dickson, certified by Lt. Col. H. T. White; for 21 days duty from July 1 to July 21 under Capt. Jeremiah Dickson; in Capt. N. Martin's Troop, Polk's Regt. Sumpter's Brigade S. Troops from the 1st April 1782 to date.]

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<p>Elizabeth James Dixon was born March 12 in the year of our Lord 1829 Francis Melear Dixon was born March the 26 in the year of our Lord 1831 Mary Mander Dixon was born November 14 in the year of our Lord 1834 Sharlet Boykin Dixon was born June [illegible] in the year of our Lord 1837 Sarah Ferguson Dixon was born December 23 in the year while Lord 1839 This is the copy or extract of births of our children made by Alexander Batman referred to in our joint</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Jane Dixon Was Born March 12 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty Nine 18.29</i></p> <p><i>Francis Melear Dixon Was Born March the 26 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight and thirty one 18.31</i></p> <p><i>Mary Mander Dixon was Born Novemb. 14 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four 18.34</i></p> <p><i>Sharlet Boykin Dixon Was Born June 18 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Seven 18.37</i></p>
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deposition on this date: Sumter
district South Carolina 3 June 1856

S. Saml. M. Dickson, X his
mark

S/ Fanny Dickson

*Sarah Ferguson Dickson Wif David Dickson 27
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty nine 1839*

*This is the copy & extract of letters of our children made by Alexander
Patterson referred to in our joint deposition of this date: Sumter
district S.C. 3 June 1856: Saml. M. Dickson
Fanny Dickson*