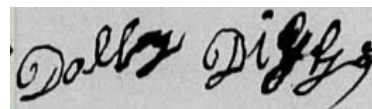


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Diggs R2950 Dolly Diggs VA
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State of Virginia }
Louisa County } ss.

On this 7th day of April 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and state, Dolly Diggs a resident of the aforesaid County and State aged about seventy eight years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision, made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled, “an act Granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows;” That she is the widow of John Diggs who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, that she cannot specify the particular service that her husband performed, nor the length of time that he was in service, knowing nothing of such service of her own knowledge, but she respectfully begs leave to state that she has often heard her husband, the said Diggs, speak of being in the service, and that he enlisted at about seventeen years of age, in the County of Powhatan in (which County he was then at work) under one Captain Thomson, and that he was afterwards put under the Command of one Capt William Meredith, and was at one time under the command of Col. Holt Richerson [sic: Holt Richeson or Richardson], she believes, and some other officers not now recollected. She further states that the said John Diggs enlisted, as he told her, in a company of minute men, who were commanded by the aforesaid Thomson, as before stated, but she does not know at what period of the war it was; but being that it was in the early part of the war; she also states that she recollects distinctly that her husbands Father went to a place called Negro Fort in the County of Hanover (at which place the recruits had to meet) for the purpose of getting his son off but that he did not succeed in doing so. She further represents that he served out the period of his enlistment, was discharged, and afterwards was in the militia service a considerable time, and was at the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. She further states, that her husband was a resident of the County of Louisa at the time that he first entered the service but being a mechanic and at work at the time, in the County of Powhatan, he was from some cause induced to enlist She does not know of any person now living who can prove his services, but as the public records will perhaps show, she respectfully refers to them for his name and services. She further declares that she was married to the said John Diggs on the twelfth day of March seventeen hundred and ninety – that her husband the aforesaid Diggs died on the twelfth day of August 1826; that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz; at the time above stated



[The certification states that Dolly Diggs had been confined to her bed for several years.]

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 8 March 1790 by John Diggs and James Anthony for the marriage of Diggs to Dorathia Anthony.

On 28 Feb 1854 Lucy Tate, widow of Nathaniel Tate and daughter of John and Dolly Diggs, assigned power of attorney to James R. Gooch of Louisa County to establish a claim for her deceased mother’s pension. Mayo B. Carrington of Columbia in Fluvanna County wrote on behalf of Dolly Diggs’s children, his constituents, whom he described as “very poor, but very worthy and quite unable to give the exorbitant fees claimed by an agent.”