

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dabbs S16359

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State of Georgia, DeKalb County }

On this tenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Superior Court of the said State & County of DeKalb, now sitting, John Dabbs a resident of said County and State, aged Seventy years, who being first duly Sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service on the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated. As well as he recollects about three months after Genl Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]] he entered the Service as a Volunteer under Capt. Bogan [Patrick Boggan] & Col. Thomas Wade officers of the Militia, the date not recollected, for three months and after the expiration of his time he volunteered for another three months tower under the same officers & under the command of Genl Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], he performed part of the Service in North Carolina which was his place of residence and part in South Carolina he was in a skirmish at what was called the brick house [November 15, 1781]¹ near Wilmington he recollects of no other battle he was in during the Revolutionary war. He states he has no documentary evidence of his service never having received any discharge, he further states he can prove all his service which is six months by Thomas Slay² a resident of this State and County. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pensions roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Dabbs, D his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Walter T. Colquitt J.S.C.

We Isaiah Parker a Clergyman residing in the Said State and County of DeKalb and James T. Baker residing in the same do hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with John Dabbs who has Subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be Seventy years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Isaiah Parker

S/ James T. Baker

S Wm T. Colquitt J. S.C.

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

² [Thomas Slay, Jr. S16540](#)

Personally appeared in open court on the day aforesaid Thomas Slay a resident of said State & County who after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with John Dabbs who has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing declaration in the Revolutionary war the said Dabbs served in one company and he deponent in another and they were frequently together and he knows of his own knowledge of the said Dabbs having served about six months in the Army of the States of South Carolina and North Carolina under the command of General Rutherford and knows of the said Dabbs having been in the Skirmish at the brick house near Wilmington.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. T. Colquitt, J. S. C.

S/ Thomas Slay, X his mark

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State of Georgia DeKalb County } On this Eighth day of July in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of the said County of DeKalb now sitting John Dabbs a resident of said State & County aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one which he made at the October term of the Superior Court in aforesaid County, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the latter part of the year 1780 to the best of his recollection, as a volunteer in Captain Bogan's company under the command of Colonel Thomas Wade an officer of the militia, that he served at that time three months, he further states some time in the summer or fall of the year 1781 he served another tour of three months under the same officers commanded by General Rutherford. This service was performed partly in South Carolina & partly in North Carolina and he was in a skirmish at the Brick house near Wilmington. He further states that he was born in Charlotte County in the State of Virginia the twenty second day of March 1762 -- has no record of his age. He was living in Anson County State of North Carolina when called into service -- and removed from that place to DeKalb County Georgia [word obliterated] years ago where he has resided ever since. He states that he is known to Thomas Grogan, Tansay Garman, Alfred Edwards & Jordan Webb who reside in his immediate neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ John Dabbs, D his mark

[Jephthah V. George, a clergyman, and Silas McGrady gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia DeKalb County } Personally appeared before me Thomas Slay who after being duly sworn deposes & saith that whilst he deponent was a soldier in the Revolutionary war he was acquainted with John Dabbs who has made the foregoing declaration -- that said Dabbs served in one company & deponent in another, that he saw him frequently. He knows that he served two tours of duty but cannot say how long he served.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th day of July 1833.

S/ William Cochran, JP

S/ Thomas Slay, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]