

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Nathan Dobbs S16370

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Georgia } I Nathan Dobbs of the County & state aforesaid hereby declare that I
Jackson County } enlisted in the continental line in the army of the Revolution for & during
the war under the command of Colonel William Washington of the light Dragoons of the Virginia
line, & in Capt [Churchill] Jones Company, that I enlisted in said service soon after the battle
known as Gates' defeat, & continued in the service until its termination at which period I was a
private in said Capt Jones Company in the aforesaid Regiment of the Virginia line
I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the pension list of the
United States

Witness my hand this 28th day of March 1831

Nathan hisXmark Dobbs

Georgia } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said county
Jackson County } George Sway known to me as a credible Witness who saith upon oath that
Nathan Dobbs by whom the declaration hereunto annexed is subscribed was to his knowledge a
soldier in the army of the revolution in the light Dragoons commanded by Colonel William
Washington of the Virginia line & under Capt Jones
[28 Mar 1831] George hisXmark Sway [pension application S42439]

State of Georgia }
County of Gwinnett }

On this 8th day of October 1833 personally appeared before the
Judges of the Inferior Court for said State & County Nathan Dobbs
a resident in the County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia aged seventy three years who being first
duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain
the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. For three
months that is from May 1780 to August 1780 I served the United States as volunteer Militia
Man under Capt Roberts at that time or at time of entering said service I lived in Henry County
Virginia. I first marched to Hillsborough N.C. [Gen. Horatio] Gates was General when I arrived at
head quarters in Hillsborough I then marched to Rudgeley's Bridge [sic: Rugeley's Mill] near
Camden there I fought & our forces were defeated - the Militia being completely defeated I
marched back to Henry County Vir. — For four months that is from September 1780 to January
1781 [sic: see note below] I served the United States as a substitute in a Militia company under
Capt. Edwards I entered the service in Henry County Virginia. I marched from Henry County to
Hillsborough N.C. there our company joined Gen. Greens army I then marched with the Army
to near Camden S.C. and there fought the British and our forces were repulsed
From there I was marched to ninety six & from thence our Army retreated to Dan River in
Virginia at that place the Army was reinforced & there recrossed the said River & marched to
Guilford C.H. where I fought against Cornwallis army which soon after retreated I then marched
to Pee dee River when my four Months expired
I then enlisted for during the War under Capt Jones into a company of Cavalry and was attached
to Colo Washington Reg't some time elapsed before I was mounted when mounted I was
marched to near the Eutaw Springs & when the battle was fought there I was one of the Baggage
Guard. After the battle of Eutaw I was marched to Little York in Virg & was at the taking of
Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] from thence I was marched back to South Carolina where I was
variously employed till the British evacuated Charleston [14 Dec 1782] I was then marched into
Charleston under Coll. Bailey. from Charleston I was marched to the Congaree River & from
thence to Richmond in Virginia a part of our company went by water & the rest by land. I went
by land & before I arrived in Richmond Capt Jones had discharged the men that went with him &
had left the place some 8 or 10 of the men together with myself then went to Fredericksburgh
[sic: Fredericksburg] & a Sergeant Major (William Dangerfield) went to Winchester (having heard
that Gen. [Daniel] Morgan was there) for further orders & said Sergeant Major returned with a
paper stating that the government had no further use for us and that was all the discharge I

received. This was in the Fall of 1783. the length of time which I served as an enlisted soldier was two years & 8 or 9 months or more. And I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. And deponent further swears that he was born in Henry County Virginia in the year 1760 [sic: Henry County formed from Pittsylvania County in 1766] that he has no record of his age And that John G. Park Esq. Rev'd Hosea Camp Archie R. Smith Esq Coll N. L. Hutchins & every other person with whom he is acquainted will testify as to his character for veracity.

Nathan hisXmark Dobbs

NOTE: The following is a correct chronology of events alluded to by Dobbs:

1780

16 Aug Battle of Camden SC
2 Dec Gen. Nathanael Greene takes command of the Southern Army at Charlotte NC

1781

14 Feb With Cornwallis in pursuit, Greene's army crosses the Dan River in VA
15 Mar Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC
22 May - 19 Jun Siege of Ninety-Six SC; main army retreats to High Hills of Santee SC, while Washington's Dragoons remain active in SC
8 Sep Battle of Eutaw Springs SC