

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ephraim Dicken S30989

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State of Kentucky Monroe County} SS

On this 4th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before [blank] the Court for the said county of Monroe now sitting Ephraim Dicken resident of Monroe County State of Kentucky aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That some time in January or February in the year 1781 he was drafted in the State of Virginia in Culpeper County and went in a militia company under the command of a Captain whose name is not recollected he marched to Hunters forge at the falls of Rapahannock [sic: on Rappahannock River 1½ mi above Falmouth] and to the best of his recollection he served some short time not recollected some time in the spring following he substituted and went in the place of ~~Michael~~ Wilhite as a militia man under the command of Capt Henry Toles [sic: Henry Towles] and Major John Graves after he had served some time in that company he was attached to a company Commanded by Captain Stewart under the command of Col Wellis [sic: Willis] of Fredericksburg we marched to a place called hotwater where we met with a scouting party of the enemy with whom we had an engagement [Battle of Hot Water Plantation 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 26 Jun 1781] in which he was wounded with a sword and taken prisoner we then marched to Williamsburg and from there to James Town he was there and had the small pox at the time of the Battle at the green spring [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] he states that he served in that Tower something over three months the number of Reg'ts not rected he states that he substituted again some time in September following and went in the place of his Brother in law John Burdine in captain Amsted Whites [Armistead White's] Company under the command of general Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and was at the Siege at York when Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] and went to guard the prisoners to Winchester he states that he served in that Tower three months he states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living in this country whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Ephraim Dicken

Ky. State Green County Sct. 1832 [8 Oct 1832]

The Testimony of John Dicken [pension application W1836] Deposeth and saith that according to register I was born the 16th of April 1759 and lived on or near the head of Robisons River [sic: Robinson River] at the foot of the Blue Ridge or Great mountains untill the Revolutionary war and the latter part of the year 1778 and in 1779 vollenteerd under a Capt Slaughter to Guard Prisoners taken at Burguines Defeat [sic: Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777] and in the fall of the year 1779 came to Kentucky and in the spring of the year 1780 Returned and turned out after Gen'l. Gates was defeated [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] under a Capt Yancy with Gen'l. Stephens into South Carolina and in 1781 after the battle of Guilford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] Came into Virginia and in the latter part of the Spring or forepart of the summer met Ephraim Dicken in the service and in a battle some time in the summer he Ephraim Dicken was taken Prisoner by the British forces and when Exchanged turnd out in service again till Cornwallace and the British army became prisoners and said he was one of the guard to the Barracks at Winchester