

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Dickson S3288

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State of Tennessee Smith County } This day being the 20th day of August 1832 William Dickson, a resident of the County & State aforesaid about ninety-Seven years old, personally appeared before me Samuel W. McMurray, a Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid; and said Dickson being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.¹

That he is about ninety-seven years old; that he was born in Caroline County Virginia; that he went from Virginia to Orange County North Carolina and was drafted for the term of six months tour; that the troops rendezvoused at a spring near Hillsboro North Carolina; that he was attached to Captain James Thompson's company, and was under the command of Colonel William Moore & General Butler [John Butler]; was at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. That he received a written discharge but it has been lost or mislaid for many years; that he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his services in the revolutionary war.

He entered the Service in the Spring of the year, but cannot at this time recollect the year, and returned in the fall; that he marched from Hillsboro, by the Hawfields, by the Catawba River etc. etc. that his memory is very treacherous, and can recollect but very imperfectly past transactions, particularly those of so many past years; that he has been blind for upwards of sixteen years, and of course has had but little intercourse with Society, and no opportunity of seeing or conversing with my old brother soldiers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present,

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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.

S/ Samuel W. McMurray, JP

S/ William Dickson, X his mark

[William C. Bransford, a clergyman, and John Gammon Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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