

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Dickison S3289

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State of Tennessee Perry County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January Sessions 1833

On this 24th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Perry County now sitting Nathaniel Dickison a resident of Lick Creek in the County of Perry and State of Tennessee aged 76 years on the 6th day of October last 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 the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That declarant entered the service of the U S as a substitute in the room and stead of one Frederick Falt in the year 1780 under Captain Joseph Cloud in Stokes County North Carolina his Colonel's name was Tipton who commanded the 3rd Regiment of militia as he thinks he recollects Colonel Morgan & that they joined him not very far from the Cowpens this declarant states that he was out this tour about two months & then was discharged by Colonel Tipton and went home, he remained at home about six weeks & then turned out volunteer in the same State and County under the same Captain that he had before served under & this declarant was elected 1st Lieutenant of said company he was commanded by the same officers he was marched on and joined Colonel Morgan in About eight miles of the Cowpens about the 15th of January 1781 we lay there till the 16th and 17th we fought it is called the Battle of the Cowpens where declarant was wounded in his left groin by a musket ball he being so badly wounded that to this day he is a cripple from the same -- he was out this tour three months & owing to his severe wound he was sent home & never after entered the service he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person that he can prove the same by that he can get here. He served seven months in all.

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.

S/ Nat Dickison, X his mark

[John Hamilton and Alex Farlaneson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where & in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in the year 1756 and Bedford County Virginia

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Ans: I have in the Bible left me by my father at home

3. Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans: I lived in Stokes County when called into the service from there I moved to Davidson then

Robeson from there to Perry where I 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

[no response indicated]

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 –

Ans: the first tour I was a substitute in the place of Frederick Holt the next and all I was a volunteer

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

Ans: I was discharged by Colonel Tipton the last Tour I was wounded & sent home without a discharge

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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution –

Ans: John Hamilton and Alex Farlinson and that I am personally acquainted with Colonel Cave Johnson¹ a member of Congress from Tennessee

State of Tennessee Perry County

A Declaration Supplementary to a declaration made by Nathaniel Dickison on the 24th day of January 1833 before the County Court of Perry County in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

This declarant would further state that he served the first tour that he has described in his declaration to which this is a supplement three months instead of two and he has stated in that declaration as a private as he is convinced by reflection and that he served on the last tour he has described three months the interlineations that says he served seven months was made at the bar of the court in a hurry and read for six as this declarant never served but six months and the interlineations was made through a mistake seven instead of six somehow in calculation this mistake was made as above this declarant served the last tour as he states as a Lieutenant but has no way to prove that he served as such at this great lapse of time & therefore is willing if his Country requires greater proof from an officer than a private to relinquish the pay of a Lieutenant & take private's pay. This declarant thought that the Traditionary witness[es] signed the certificate he knows they were sworn to it -- but through some mistake they omitted to sign their

¹ JOHNSON, Cave, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Robertson County, Tenn., January 11, 1793; pursued an academic course and attended Cumberland College, Nashville, Tenn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1814 and commenced practice in Clarksville, Tenn.; prosecuting attorney of Montgomery County in 1817; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1837); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1845); chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Twenty-sixth Congress), Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Indian Affairs (Twenty-eighth Congress); appointed Postmaster General of the United States and served from March 5, 1845, to March 5, 1849; judge of the seventh judicial circuit court in 1850 and 1851; president of the Bank of Tennessee 1854-1860; United States commissioner in settling the affairs of the United States and Paraguay Navigation Co. in 1860; during the Civil War was elected to the State senate but was not permitted to take his seat; died in Clarksville, Tenn., November 23, 1866; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

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names and he further states that they as willing to sign a certificate now as they say to declarant.

Declarant states that the errors in the Certificate of the Court he supposes were made by reason of him Declarant not having a parson or clergyman as they are called commonly in his neighborhood & a man who wrote it in new modelling [??] the certificate left out the words who [indecipherable word] the foregoing certificate all of which is submitted.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this day of __ May 1834.

S/ Nathaniel Dickison, X his mark

S/ Jas. Mathews, JP

[Alexander Farlingson & John Hamilton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum]