

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dixon Marshal [Marshall] ¹ S38921 & W18493 Lucy Marshall f63NC

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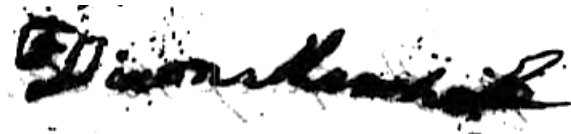
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State of North Carolina

Came before me Henry Seawell one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State aforesaid, Dixon Marshal, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he entered the Army of the United States of America as a cadet during the Revolutionary War in about December A.D. 1775 or January 1776, the exact time this deponent cannot recollect. -- That he served in the 1st Regiment of North Carolina Infantry on Continental establishment commanded by Col. James Moore until the 28th day of March A.D. 1777, at which time he was promoted to the Rank of Ensign in Capt. Henry Dixon's company in the 1st North Carolina Battalion in the Army of the United States commanded by Col. James Moore aforesaid -- That he served as Ensign until the 10th day of March 1779, at which time he received a Commission from the Congress of the United States of America bearing date the 10th day of March 1779 in the 3rd year of our Independence, and signed by John Jay -- That he took rank as 2nd Lieut. by virtue of this commission from the 26th day of April A.D. 1777 in the said Henry Dixon's company -- That some time after he received a commission of 1st Lieut. which this deponent can't find and by virtue of which commission he commanded in Tilmon Dixon's [sic, Tilghman Dixon's] company in said Moore's Regiment -- That he continued to serve in this command to the end of the Revolutionary War. This Deponent further saith that he fought in the General engagements at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Charleston South Carolina [Siege of Charleston, Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. That he was taken prisoner at the latter place and remained in captivity near fourteen months -- That besides these, he thought and a number of small skirmishes and partial engagements and that he continued in active service from December A.D. 1775 or January 1776 to the close of the Revolutionary War.

This Deponent further saith that from his Reduced circumstances in life and his bodily of afflictions he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Dixon Marshal



Subscribed & sworn to before made this 7th of April 1818

S/ Henry Seawell

¹ BLWt15350200 Lieut. Issued May 3, 1800, No Papers

[p 21: Letter handwritten by the veteran transmitting his application and bearing a much more legible signature.



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Tennessee

Be it remembered that at a Circuit Court begun & held for the County of Smith in the 3rd Judicial Circuit of this State aforesaid on the 2nd Monday being the ___ day of April A.D. 1824 at the Court house in Carthage present the honorable Nathaniel W. Williams judge of the circuit Courts of Law & Equity for the Circuit aforesaid: to wit on the 23rd day of April 1824, came in open Court Dixon Marshall and filed the following declaration, preparatory to his application to the general government for a pension -- viz.:

"District of West Tennessee -- at a Court held for Smith County in the State of Tennessee now in session on the 23rd day of April 1824, personally appeared in open court being a court of record in said district & County of Smith, Dixon Marshall aged seventy years & some months resident at this time in the said County of Smith, State of Tennessee & district of West Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows -- That I enlisted the service as a Sgt. in Capt. Dixon's company in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina line, Continental establishment commanded by Col. Moore in the year 1775 or 1776 & received an Ensign's commission & afterwards was promoted to 2nd Lieut. which rank I held until the close of the Revolutionary war. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

1 old mare worth about	\$15	Leonard Jones owes me £29 he is said to be insolvent the debt of long standing N.C. prov. Currency 72.50
1 miling desk	2	Moses Shelby said to be insolvent owes me an old debt of about £30 NC prov. Currency 75
6 old chairs	3	Anderson Smith also said to be insolvent owes me an old debt 20
3 Cows & some yearlings	40	I have some other debts of long standing the people who owe them dead & gone out of the way or barred by statute of Limitations, which debts I do not expect ever to collect, nor any part thereof
1 old gig & [?] worth about the gig being taken by execution at the suit of	25	

Mr Dunning & sold by an officer for \$10	
the harness supposed worth about him and when	10

\$70

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 23 April 1824

S/ Hart, Clk

S/ Dixon Marshall

I am by occupation a farmer now not able to pursue it, have no family of my on except a wife upwards of 70 years old -- I have a pension certificate, to wit "War department Revolutionary Claim -- I certify that in conformity with law of the United States of the 18 March 1818, Dixon Marshall late a Lieut. in the Army of the Revolution is inscribed on the pension list roll of the State of North Carolina agency at the rate of \$20 per month to commence on the 7th day of April 1818. Given at the War office of the United States the 11th day of April 1818. Signed JC Calhoun, Secretary of War."

On this certificate I have drawn 2 or 3 semiannual pensions (to the best of my knowledge) only 2.

S/ Hart, Clk

S/ Dixon Marshall

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Dixon Marshall 2nd Lieut. in Capt. Brown's [John Brown's] Company of the 1st Regiment was commissioned on the 26th day of April 1777, and deranged on the first of January 1783.

Given under my hand and seal (having no seal of office) at office in Raleigh this 21st day of June 1837.

S/ William Hill {Seal}

[p 6: On July 15 1837 in Warren County North Carolina, Lucy Marshal [sic] filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she was then 84 years of age; that she is the widow of Lieut. Dixon Marshall of the North Carolina line; that she married him in February 1782; that he died in 1824 in the state of Tennessee while on a visit; and that she remains his widow.

Lucy Marshall

[p 9: On July 12, 1837 in Warren County North Carolina, Colonel John C Green of Warrington gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Dixon Marshall to Lucy Nichols in the winter of 1782.

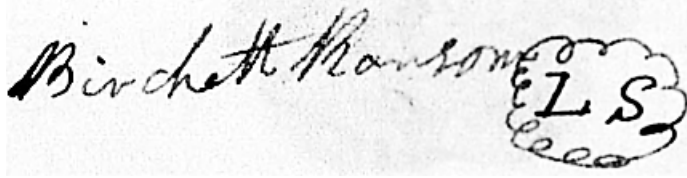
John C Green

[p 11: On July 12, 1837 in Warren County North Carolina, Sally Johnston a resident of Warrington gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Dixon Marshall to Lucy Nichols in the winter of 1782.



Sally Johnston LS

[p 13: On July 13, 1837 in Warren County North Carolina, Mrs. Birchett Ransom a resident of said County gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Dixon Marshall to Lucy Nichols in the year 1782.

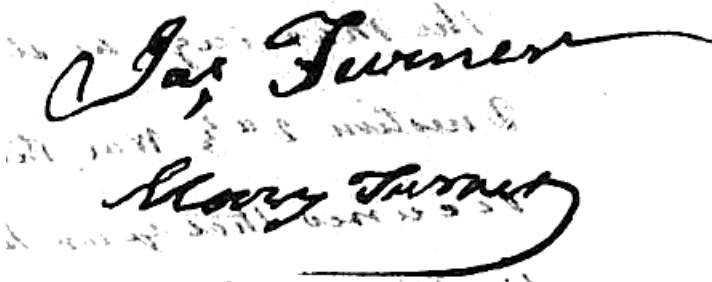


Birchett Ransom LS

[p 51: On August 8, 1837 in Warren County North Carolina James Turner and his wife Mary Turner gave testimony in support of the widow's application in which they gave answers to specific interrogatories. They testified in relevant part as follows:

"Question 10th It is said a soldier waited on him [Dixon Marshall] can you give the name of that soldier ?-

Answer: His name was Cumbo – the female affiant well recollects this man as she resided close to Mr. Nichols'; that he was dressed in uniform, but what makes her recollect him particularly, he had a singular way of hollowing. He was a free black man. When Dixon Marshall left home after his marriage and returned to the Army this man Cumbo went with him and never returned."



James Turner
Mary Turner

[pp 4-5: family record of Dixon Marshall
Tabitha Marshal was Born September 2nd 1783
Elisabeth Marshal was Born June 2nd 1785
William Marshal was Born Decr 3rd 1786
Lucy Nichols Marshal was Born May 26th 1789

[different handwriting—much harder to read]

John Wilson born December ? 1813?

Lucy Wilson born July? could be Feby ? 1818?

L?? Born august ? 1818

[more entries but none legible to me]

Sabitha Marshal was
 Born September 2nd - 1799
 Elizabeth Marshal was
 Born June 2nd - 1795
 William Marshal was
 Born Dec 3rd - 1796
 Lucy Nichols Marshal
 was Born May 1st - 1797
 John Wilson was
 Born Dec 10th 1813
 Lucy Wilson was born July 12th 1813
 Lucy Wilson was born August 1st 1814
 Thomas Wilson was born December
 24th 1814
 John Wilson was born
 January 1st 1815
 October 13 1816

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Lucy Nichols; she states in other documentation that Lieut. Marshall was attended by a free black soldier named Cumbo at the time of their wedding and that said Cumbo returned with her husband into the service after their marriage [fn p. 62]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 23rd, 1824, for service as a Lieutenant for 6 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.]