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Pension Application of Jonathan Dakin (Dacon) S39410 DE
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Virginia Sc

At a Court continued and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 26th day of May 1818 Jonathan Dacon aged 57 years came into court being a court of Record and made oath that he enlisted in the United States service for during the Revolutionary War in the year 1779 in a regiment called the Delaware blues in a Recruiting party for said Regiment, the old Regiment having been nearly cut off in the battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], that he continued a while at Philadelphia as an orderly sergeant with about 18 or 20 men Afterwards he was stationed at Christiana bridge in the state of Delaware and from thence marched to York Town in the State of Virginia and was there attached to the Pennsylvania line. After the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he was marched to Charleston in South Carolina on his Return from thence he was left sick in the State of North Carolina for 8 or 9 months and then proceeded as far as Colo Gabriel Penns in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia at which time the Army was disbanded in the year 1783 That to the best of his Recollection the Capt or Lieut's name was Bennett [possibly Ensign Caleb P. Bennett, pension application S35779; see below] Sergeant Murphy Drummer Dawson that he has never Received any pension from the United States and that from his reduced Circumstances he needs the Assistance of his Country for Support – which was Supported by the oaths of Edward Hancock who made oath that he is acquainted with the said Jonathan Dacon and that he is in indigent Circumstances and needs the Support of his Country. that he served four years, that the reason he never obtained his discharge, was that he never went back to Delaware or Massachussetts, but remained to this day in Virginia – consequently never applied for a discharge, tho' justly entitled to an honorable one. That he had a regular pass given him by his Captain when left sick in North Carolina which is now lost or mislaid, & knows not where it is. That he never received any pension from the United States, or any of the States, & from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country for support

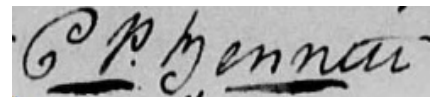
Virginia Sc

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of May 1819 Jonathan Dacon aged fifty seven years born in Boston, came into court, being a court of Record & made oath that he enlisted at Dover Delaware State in the United States service for during the Revolutionary War in the spring of the year 1779 in a regiment called the Delaware Blues in a recruiting party for the said Regiment the old regiment having been nearly cut off in the battle at Brandywine, that he continued a while at Philadelphia as an attendant on about 18 or 20 sick men afterwards he was stationed at Christiana bridge in the state of Delaware – I from thence marched to york town in the state of Virginia, & was there mustered with the Pennsylvania line, the Delaware blues not being a full regiment, and was never out of the Regiment called the blues – After the surrender of Cornwallis he was marched to Charlestown in South Carolina, on his return from thence he was left sick in the State of North Carolina for eight or nine months, & then proceeded as far as Colo. Gabriel Penns in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia at which time the Army was disbanded in the year 1783 That to the best of his recollection the Captain or Lieutenants name was Bennett, the sergeant Brooks & the Drummer Dawson – That he served four years, that the reason he never obtained his discharge, was that he never went back to Delaware or Massachussetts, but remained to this day in Virginia – consequently never applied for a discharge, tho' justly entitled to an honorable one. That he had a regular pass given him by his Captain when left sick in North Carolina which is now lost or mislaid, & knows not where it is. That he never received any pension from the United States, or any of the States, & from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country for support

Wilmington Delaw'e Decb'r. 21st 1819

Dear Sir Your favor of 17th Inst't was duly received, and have endeavoured to mark the contents, and shall make such statement as my recollection will enable me, relative to the time of service of the person who calls himself Jonathan Dacon, and who states himself to have served as a Soldier in the Delawar Regt. under my Command, haveing no document now in my possession, that possibly can avail him anything. Therefore will endeavour from memory to give such statement of the time, and transaction, as will enable you perhaps, in interogateing him in such manner as may accomplish his wishes on the subject of pension. The length of time since relapsed, and the manner of his leaving the command, has placed him entirely out of my recollection, should this statement not have the desired effect, it would be perhaps as well for him to come on to me himself, and in that case, probably I may recognize him, if so, I shall be gratified. If he has claims, the must proceed from his being a substitute for the war, recruited in the spring of 1781 for the Delaware Regiment, and to rendevou at Christiana Bridge where I was one of four Officers, appointed by the state to repair to, for the purpose to receive them, as well as to drill and prepare them for the field' early in May of that year I repaired to my post performing the duties required, untill the movement of the French troops from Rhode Island to the Southward, as the Comm'r. in Chief at that time passing through the Village gave me personal orders to be prepared, with the detachment under my command to proceed on with the troop, which we did, on our arival at Baltimore. more caft [craft?] was procured for the detach't, to transpot us by water to Anapolis, where we arrived in safety, and was ordered to go on board of one of the French Transports named the Marcus Lafaett [sic: *Marquis Lafayette*], as a fleet of that discription was then in waiting, for the arival of the troops of that nation, as soon as all was on board, we sailed with a fair wind down the Bay to the entrance of James River, procee'd up and landed in the neighbourhood of Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], in a few days after out arrival, the whole army then assembled, American and French, took up the line of march for the Town of York, and took possession of the ground arround it, we remained there during the Seige [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and as soon after as a disposition of the Troops could be made, our Detachment with the Pensylvania and Maryland troops proceeded on to South Carolina, and joined the troops under the Command of Gen'l N. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], previous to the evacuation of the City of Charleston by the British troops [14 Dec 1782], the remains of the Delaware Reg't was order on to the north. we had proceeded on our rout as far as Camden [SC], were we receid order to remain untill further orders, perhaps we had remained there, say ten days, when orders came on from head quarters, to proceed on to Delaware. That the Brittish had evacuated Charlestown, and had sailed for new york, on our march to the North, many of our men, were of course left behind, from diff't caused, some of which never came on. and if the afs'd Dacon has any claim, it proceed from his being one of the detachment first eluded to, and one reason I presume of my loosing sight of him, proceeds, from the circumstance of his being one of that discription of troops, as they were never, either mentioned, or paid, from the time of their enlistments, to the close of the war; neither muster, or pay Roll ever were made out, should the foregoing statement not avail, I would have Dacon to come on to me, as observed before, as there is no officer, now liveing but myself, belonging to the state of Delaware can be of any service to him on the subject of proof, the delay in my reply has proceeded from Indisposition, as well as in endeavouring to recolect of anything revalent. I am with due respect, your Obd't Serv't

[Caleb P. Bennett]



Virginia Sc.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 24th day of July 1820

On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County Jonathan Dakin aged 59 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows Viz In a Regiment known by the name of Delaware Blues enlisted in the year 1779 for during the war and that he has

received a pension of eight Dollars per month under the act of the 18th of March 1818 as appears by the pension Certificate Numbered 16,437 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any other person in trust for me any property 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 and that I am by occupation a shoe maker and have a family consisting of a wife aged 50 years and three daughters one aged 20 years one 18 & the other 13 and one son aged 10 years

Jonathan Dakin

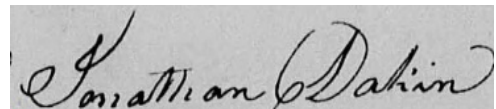
Which schedule follows in these words Viz.

One cow bought with the money I drew first.

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| 2 pine Tables. | \$12.00 | |
| 1 pine Cupboard. | 2.00 | |
| 1 poplar Chest. | 1.00 | |
| 2 Spinning wheels. | 2.00 | |
| 1 Sow and Pigs. | \$5.00 | |
| 1 Pot and Oven. | 3.00 | |
| 2 pails and 6 Common Chairs. | 2.00 | |
| ½ Doz Plates. | .35½ | |
| " Knives. | .50 | |
| 1 Small glass. | | |
| 1 Debt due from Samuel Hancock for. | \$5.75 | |
| 1 D'o due from John Cobbs. | <u>2.87</u> | |
| | \$37.22 | Jonathan Dakin |

Bedford County Hendricks Store july the 1st 1821

Dr. Sr./ After my complements I hear inclose to you the original Copy of my first dickleration which was sent back to me for amenment and at the same Cort twelve months after the date of this certifacate the amenment was maid and sent on to the war department and my certifacate came back dated from the date of the amenment and with that the Commencement of my pention was dated which will prove to you that I am one years pay behind those that Clamd the same day oing to the date of my first dickleration not being placed to the amenmet which [I] sent forward twelve months after now Sr. you have the mistake farly Explain to you I hope your honor will do me jestic with my fellow men and send me the nesasary order to draw my money at the next draw day from the date hearof
I am Sr. with Every Resp't your most obdt Servant



NOTES:

Fold3.com has the pension application of Jonathan Dakin beginning on p2 of the pension application of Aaron Dacon (Deacon) W510 who served from New Jersey and whose application is under the name Aaron Deacon.

The pension certificate states that Dakin died 11 May 1848.