

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Dickinson (Dickenson) S39443

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Virginia: At a Superior Court of Law continued & held for Louisa County on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818

This day Elijah Dickinson age 64 years came into Court, and on Oath make the following declaration, To wit: That he enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the year 1777 in the months of January or February in the Company commanded by Samuel Scott in the first Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel Leonard Marbury and which Regiment was raised on Continental establishment for the defense of the State of Georgia, that he served from the time of his enlistment till the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779 at which time he was badly wounded so much so that sometime after he procured an honorable discharge from the said Colonel Marbury and returned home in August 1779. That he sold his discharge to a certain John Darricott [could be "Danicott"] of the State of Georgia to enable him to recover his land; That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country to support him. That he has formerly supported himself & family by teaching School. But by a severe sickness which he experienced during the last winter, he is afraid he shall be obliged to abandon his occupation which he has pursued upwards of 20 years; That he has no other evidence within his power to all for, which is ordered to be recorded.

State of Virginia

I John Poindexter Clerk of the Superior Court of Law for the Lisa County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the record of the declaration made on oath by Elijah Dickenson in open Court.

S/ John Poindexter

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Mr. Hicky will strike the name of Elijah Dickenson from the Revolutionary Pension List, Virginia agency – he having relinquished his claim on account of his property. He appeared at the Office, and informed me that he owned two Negroes & other property to a considerable amount.

S/ J. L. Edwards

21 Feb. 1821

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At a Court held for Louisa County at the Courthouse on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1831  
District of Virginia, to wit:

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831, personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the County of Louisa Elijah Dickinson aged between Seventy-seven and Seventy-eight years, resident in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted as a private Soldier in the service of

the United States, in the said war in the year 1777 in the Company commanded by Samuel Scott in the first Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel Leonard Marbury and which Regiment was raised on Continental establishment for the defense of the State of Georgia, that he served from the time of his enlistment till the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779<sup>1</sup> at which time he was badly wounded so much so that sometime after he procured an honorable discharge from the said Colonel Marbury and returned home in August 1779, that he has received a pension under the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, a number of the Certificate is not recollected having been returned as well as he remembers by direction of the pension agent for the state of Virginia after the passage of the act of first May 1820. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

The following is a true Schedule of all my estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) viz. 111 acres of land, one cow and one yearling – I was for many years a School master which occupation I followed until the last year, when by infirmity and loss of sight by age, I became unable any longer to follow it. I have one daughter living with me named Elizabeth C. Dickinson aged about 40 years, very infirm and not more than able to support herself, and also a son named Ballard S. aged about 44 years old, who is a bricklayer by trade and occasionally makes my house his home, and capable of supporting himself and that I have no other family, nor have I any other income than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, no changes have been made in my property by sale, or other disposition thereof – That I have not since the passage of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 applied for the continuance of the pension drawn by me under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, because I was, until unable any longer to pursue it, enabled to support myself in comfort by my personal services in my occupation of a teacher.

S/ Elijah Dickinson

Sworn to and declared on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831, before James Michael, Richard Terrell, Archibald Anderson & Nathaniel Thompson Justices of the peace for the County Court of Louisa now sitting, which said court is a Court of record.

[The clerk of court, John Hunter, valued applicant's property at \$350]

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At a Court continued and held for Louisa County at the Courthouse on Thursday June the 16<sup>th</sup> 1831 District of Virginia to wit:

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1831, personally appeared in open court, being a Court of record for the County of Louisa, Elijah Dickinson resident in the state and County aforesaid, being the same person whose declaration for the purpose of obtaining a renewal of his pension from the United States as a revolutionary soldier, was made in this court on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831, and being duly sworn according to law; doth in addition and explanation of his said declaration of the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1831, on his oath declare that one of the Negroes which at the time he gave a statement of his property in Washington died before he returned home, and the other a few months afterwards, which will explain the difference between the Schedule on the said 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1831, and the statement of his

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1 This may pin down the date of an engagement between Whig forces commanded by Marbury and Loyalists commanded by Major Henry Sharp described by Patrick O'Kelley on pp, 262-263 in the first volume of his *Nothing but Blood and Slaughter* series. O'Kelley describes an engagement between these forces occurring at Fort Morgan in March 1779.

property rendered to the Officer of the pension office in Washington in person in the year 1821. The said Elijah Dickinson does not now recollect any material change of property in other respects; there clearly has been no disposition of any of his property by sale or otherwise, to enable himself under the pension laws to a renewal of his pension.

S/ Elijah Dickinson

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County of Louisa, State of Virginia SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1832, before me, the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Louisa, personally appeared Elijah Dickinson who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. Samuel Scott in the Regiment commanded by Col. Leonard Marbury in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia, that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1821 he either lost or mislaid in the City of the Richmond.

S/ Elijah Dickinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elijah Dickinson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There is a small number "2" at the end of the signature.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Thomas Johnson

[Facts in file: On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 in a letter addressed from Louisa Court House Virginia, the correspondent informs the Commissioner of Pensions that the veteran died August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1833

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 19, 1818, service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia Light Dragoons.]

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<sup>2</sup> This appears to me to be the only original signature of this veteran appearing on any of the documents in this file. The other documents purporting to have been signed by him all indicate a signature in the hand writing and style of the scribe of the document and not that of the veteran. This was common practice in documents which were copied and forwarded to the pension office.