

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Dickens S41509

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1832 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, Thomas Dickens, resident in said County aged 69 or 70 years who being first duly sworn according to Law; doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he Thomas Jenkins enlisted on the \_\_\_ day nor Month not recollected in the year 1782 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Bacotes [Peter Bacot] in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Little [Archibald Lytle] and the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the close of the war when he was discharged from the service in the State of North Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes all Claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any other State except the State of North Carolina and the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – The reasons for not having made application earlier are for the want of Information how to make a proper application and for the want of some friends to do the business correctly which I was unable to do myself.

And in pursuance of the Act of First of 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 and that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 no changes have been made of my property.

S/ Thomas Dickens, X his mark

A Schedule of Thomas Dickens Property Rendered upon oath the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1832 in open Court

One hundred acres of Land Valued at	\$100.00
One Mare worth	23.00
Two Cows & Yearlings worth	20.00
Two Sows & two shoats worth	<u>8.00</u>
	\$151.00

The Occupation of the Applicant is farming and from old age and infirmities he is unable to do it so as to make a comfortable Support the number of his family is himself his wife and one daughter named Naomi – his wife's name is nearly she is 65 years old has been confined by sickness and otherwise disabled and has been unable to walk for seven years and from appearance will never be able

to walk again – his daughter is able to do her duty and is able to do as much has any person of her age. She is twenty years of age this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of present month of February.

S/ Thomas Dickens, X his mark

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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 Thomas Dickens a private in Captain Bacot's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, enlisted in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months; that nothing further is set of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1831.

S/ Wm Hill

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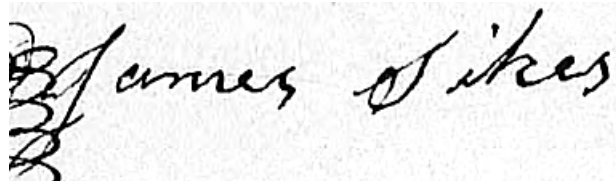
State of Tennessee, Lincoln County: To all to whom this may come greetings

Know ye that we John H. Taylor at William F. Lang Justices of the peace for the said County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee has caused James Sykes [sic]<sup>1</sup> to appear before us who being first Sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he knew Thomas Dickens of the State of North Carolina that he served with him in the war of the Revolution that he was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain Coats [Peter Bacot] in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Little [sic, Lytle] upon the Continental establishment that he believes the said Dickens enlisted in July in the 1782 or thereabouts, that he served about 12 months and was then discharged upon parole until the close of the war that he recollects it well that they both enlisted at the same time served together and was discharged at the same time – and that he enlisted in the State of North Carolina and was discharged near Charleston in the State of South Carolina and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1832.

S/ John H. Taylor, JP

S/ James Sikes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Sikes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ W. F. Lang, JP

[p 16: Mary Fuquay, relationship, if any, to the applicant not stated, gave a supporting affidavit. Mary gave the affidavit in Cumberland County, NC on February 7, 1832. She signed with her mark.]

[p 3: Undated letter addressed to L P Waldo, Esq., Commissioner of Pensions from Uriah Dicken in which the correspondent refers to himself as the son of Thomas Dickens.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Uriah Dicken". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

. Waldo was Commissioner of Pensions during the early 1850s.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1832, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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1 [James Sykes S1892](#)