

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Dickey S6798

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County} On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before us Ambrose Mills & William Richardson Justices of the peace for the County and State aforesaid now called for the purpose David Dickey a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged eighty-five years 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated.

I think sometime in the year 1775 I came to the County of Tryon now Rutherford County North Carolina at that time we all was obliged to take sides. I then became a volunteer in the service of the United States under Captain Moffitt [John Moffett of the SC militia] commanded by Colonel Neil [Thomas Neel] as an Indian Spy and a Ranger sometimes on horseback and sometimes on foot: whilst in this service we was called off to a Tour at the Snow Camps<sup>2</sup> we was two months on that Tour we drove them from their position at that place. I then returned home. I then joined Captain Leonard Malbury's Troop of Horse in the State of Georgia to go against the Indians we had an engagement with them on the Oconee River where we drove them from their position. This was a three months Tour. I then returned time and in the winter of 1779, I went to the Siege of Charleston under Colonel Hampton and served as wagon master in the Continental line for two months and returned home in May 1780. I made a Tour under Colonel Hampton as Sergeant major in pursuit of the British & Tories we had an engagement on Pacolet River. I was again engaged in pursuit of Cornwallis when he marched through North Carolina. I was then under Captain Simmons we went in pursuit of them as far as Salisbury and on the South Yadkin from that place we returned home. We had many Difficulties to encounter we lived in a frontier Country in the [indecipherable interlineations] Tories, the Indians on one side the British on the other that we that was on the liberty side was ready at every call to go to the Defense of the Country that we was kept in continual Service during the war I cannot say better than that I was in actual services from the year 1775 to the end of the War. We that was volunteers never knew our officers, we went to [an] Alarm and returned when we had Drove the Enemy as we dare, not leave of our frontiers any length of time at one time our Officers was not stationed at any lengths of time amongst us I know I served my Country faithfully and spent much of the prime of my

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<sup>1</sup> Fold3.com's version of the file contains applications relating to two different veterans. One David Dickey's application should be filed under **David Dickey S2522**, but is included in this file. I have separated the two files.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_snow\\_campaign.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html)

life in its defense. I am old and infirm and unable to attend to any business nor even able to travel to the Court house which is only about seven miles to attend to any business, have called on two of my neighboring justices of the peace to administer the oath required by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State whatsoever --

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Answer -- I was born in Augusta County State of Virginia in the year 1747

-- Question 2nd have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have it from the Records of my Father's Register

Question 3rd -- where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Answer -- I was living in Tryon County now Rutherford County State of North Carolina where he lived ever since.

Question 4th -- How were you called into Service were you Drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer -- I was a volunteer through the whole Revolutionary War and confined on the lines of North Carolina and the Indian boundary on three excursions that we was called out to perform which I have stated above we had only two choices where I lived to be in readiness or leave the Country and we had nowhere to fly to for Refuge only our Arm and the Woods, where we would embody in small parties and defend the frontiers as the Enemy would encroach on them --

Question 5th State some of the Regular Officers who was in the troops where you served such as Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your Service.

Answer -- in my first Service we had no general Officers when there was an alarm we gathered in small parties and some one of the Company took the command and we all served under his Directions until dismissed but on the Tours that I served out I was under the officers above named. Viz. and also at the Siege of Charleston<sup>3</sup> under General Lee [Charles Lee?] & Colonel Archibald Lytle

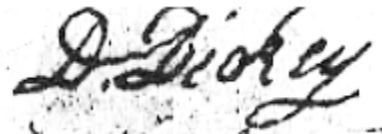
Question 6th -- did you ever Receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer -- We that was kept as spies was never Discharged from Service and when we was called out to do duty at a Distance we returned under the same Officers we went out under we was not then Discharged but kept in readiness for the call of an alarm -- if I ever had a Discharge more than a verbal one I have no Recollection what has become of it

Question 7th -- State the names of some of the persons in your neighborhood where you now live to whom you are known that can testify as to your Character for veracity and good behavior -- your service as a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. Dickey

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Dickey". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[David L. Ballew [?], a clergyman, James Gray & James Morris gave the standard supporting

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html) ?

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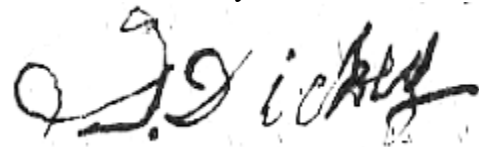
[p 23: On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1834 in Rutherford County North Carolina, John Moore, the Post Master at White Oak in said County gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with David Dickey; that Dickey being old and infirm had moved to Greenville Districts South Carolina about a year ago to live with a son.]

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State of South Carolina Greenville District} Before me a Justice of the peace in and for the district aforesaid personally appeared David Dickey late of Rutherford County North Carolina at the residence of his son S. H. Dickey who being first duly Sworn deposeseth and Saith that by Reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory and not having Retained any documents to assist his Recollection he is unable to specify with precision the exact length of time that he served in the Respective tours of military duty as described by him in his declaration dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1832 hereunto annexed but thinks he is perfectly safe in stating them as set forth under and that some of the items is less than the actual time he served – not less than two months as wagon master at the Siege of Charleston and the balance of the five months of that tour he served as private – I served as Sergeant Major under Colonel Hampton not less than three months – he was engaged in the pursuit of Cornwallis under Captain Simmons not less than one month as a private – though Sometimes acting as an officer without any Commission not less than ten months under the Command of Colonel William Porter & Captain McFadden. The applicant further Deposeth that his Sergeant's warrant together with every other paper Relative to his military Service has been long since lost Destroyed or thrown away as useless paper & further saith that there is no person now living who served personally with him as he knows of. Sworn and Subscribed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834

S/ John Weaver, JP

S/ D. Dickey

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Dickey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Since writing the above the Applicant further Recollects that he served a three months tour in Captain Leonor Malbury's [sic] Troop of horse in the State of Georgia.

The memory of the Applicant as to the length of time of his military Services as herein before described is that his said Services in the whole was not less than twenty-two months as follows as private 17 months

wagon Master 2 months

Sergeant Major 3 months

Sworn & subscribed the day and year within mentioned

S/ John Weaver, JP

S/ D. Dickey

PS. The applicant wishes to be placed on the South Carolina agency and direct an answer to Gowensville P. O. Greenville South Carolina

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 9 months service in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to David Dickey AA10  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1922  
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[p 2: Top of the form is illegible]

David Dickey his Account of 90 days Militia Duty Amounting to £15.17.10 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]  
30 days Duty included in said account £15 [old SC] Currency or £ 2.3.10 ¼ Stg. is not Certified  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 25 May full Satisfaction for this Account in an indent No. [Illegible] by Virtue of an  
Order for David Dickey

S/ Wm Hillhouse [William Hillhouse]



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The State of South Carolina

Dr. to David Dickey for Services

Done to 30 days under Lieutenant

Hillhouse at 10/ [10 Shillings old SC currency] per day

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under Captain Kirkpatrick [John Kirkpatrick?]

15.0.0

29 days as Quarter

Master for Colonel Bratton [William Bratton's]

Regiment at [illegible]

65.5.0

Under Captain Woods [? Frame Woods?] 31 days

at 1 pound per day

30.0.0

111.5

£15.17.10 ¼

I Do hereby Empower William Hillhouse Junior to Receive an Indent for the amount of my  
account against the State of South Carolina & his Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge from  
me

S/ David Dickey



To the Treasurers &c

Assigned Before me

the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1785

S/ David Leech, JP

<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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State of South Carolina [illegible]  
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of Duty Done under Colonel Hawthorne  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1781  
State of South Carolina Do to  
of Duty done under Colonel Hawthorne  
Commencing on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February  
per Day  
[balance of the document is illegibly faint]

[p 5: Printed form of indent No. 648 Book P dated May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1785 “delivered to Mr. David Dickey this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Fifteen pounds seventeen Shillings and ten pence farthing Sterling for 90 Days Militia duty as per Account Audited.”]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by William Hillhouse, David Leech, James Trowler, David Dickey, George Keane and Charles Simmons]

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I David Dickey the subscriber a private of Captain John Reid's troop – Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment of the South Carolina ten months men do hereby empower Mr. John Wallace of North Carolina to receive and apply my indent for the said service.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1785

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S/ Wm Sharpe

S/ David Dickey

