

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Anthony S. Davenport S9383

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The State of Ohio } ss.

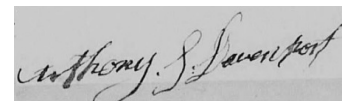
Pickaway County } On this 24 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Anthony S Deavenport a resident of Wayne township, in the County of Pickaway, and state of Ohio, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That from information received from his Parents, he was born near a small town called Piscataway, in the state of Maryland on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1758, from whence he removed with his fathers family to Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County in the state of Virginia, where he resided at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, from which place he was drafted, and entered the service in the Militia of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a corporal in a Company Commanded by Capt'n John Lyle, Lieut. Robert Canady, and Ensign William Carney, under Major John Morrow & Col'l George Scott, in the fall of the year 1779 [sic], for a tour of three months; from whence he marched together with three other companies, to the West side of the Ohio River, where he joined the army under General [Lachlan] McIntosh, and built a Fort below Beaver Creek, which was called Fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA, begun Sep 1778], from whence we march against the Indians in a westerly direction towards Sandusky; on the third day, two of our men were killed by the Indians [probably referring to Lt James Parks and David Ross killed 6 Nov 1778], when we arived at the Tuskarawa [si: Tuscarawas] Fork of the Muskingum River, we halted, and built a Fort, called Fort Lawrance [sic: Fort Laurens, completed Jan 1779], where we continued untill Winter, when our companies of the Militia returned to Martinsburgh [sic: Martinsburg] in Virginia and were there discharged; leaving Col'l or Gen'l Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead], of the Regular Troop, at the Fort, having performed our three months tour of duty.

Some time in the fall of the year 1781, he was again drafted and ordered out from Frederick County, Virginia, (where he then lived) on another tour of three months to guard British Prisoners, as a sergent under capt. James Eaton and Lieut. John Hill, the Captain took part of the Company and went to the Barracks about four miles from Winchester; the Lieutenant Hill and himself took the remainder of the Company, and were ordered to Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia to guard the British Prisoners there, at which place he performed his three months tour of service and was discharge; during which term Lieut Hill often left his company and went home to his family 3 miles, leaving this deponent in command, but he was afterward broke, and a Lieut. Walker he thinks took his place – from which time he resided in Virginia untill the year 1798 when he removed to the neighborhood where he now lives, and has lived from that time till the present. With a view of shewing the value of money at that time, he further says that he was married in 1781 for his licence he was charged two hundred dollars, and for his marriage fee eight hundred dollars –

He has no knowledge what became of his discharges, and has now no documentary evidence of his said service, and knows of no person now living, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – He doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

PS. thoug it will appear from the above Declaration that in my first tour I was called out as a corporal after a few days march I was solicited by my Lieutenant Robt. Canada to serve as sergent and I served as sergent



NOTE: The certification refers to the applicant as Anthony Symmes Davenport.