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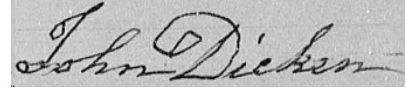
Pension Application of John Dicken W1836 Mary Dicken VA
 James McCubbin NC

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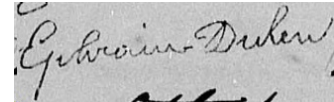
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On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in the Green county court for the state aforesaid John Dicken aged 74 years on the 16th day of next April, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress of June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the latter part of the year 1778 [sic] as a soldier in the army of the united states in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Slaughter in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county Virginia to guard the Barracks in Albermarle county Virginia, in which barracks were a number of British prisoners taken at Burgoines defeat [sic: prisoners captured at Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] and continued in that service under Captain Slaughter and other officers till the summer 1779, and in the fall of the year 1779 he removed to Kentucky and in the Spring of the year 1780 returned to Culpepper county again, in the summer of said year there was a call for men to go the Carolinas after Gates's defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], that he then in the county of Culpeper in the summer of 1780 volunteered again, in a company commanded by Captain Richard Yancey in a redgment commanded by Col Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] afterwards Gen'l Stephens, and marched through Virginia crossing James & Dan Rivers and also the Adkin River near Salsbury [sic: Yadkin River near Salisbury NC] and thence marched on the Hillsborough where the troops of Gen'l. Gates collected after the defeat at Cambden, and then marched to Sallsbury thence to Charlottville [sic: Charlotte] thence down the Catawba River crossing it, thence crossing Pedie [sic: Great Pee Dee] River and into South Carolina passing by the Cheraw hills, took winter quarters. Some time in January Tarlton was defeated at the Cowpens [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 17 Jan 1781], we then marched to guard the prisoners and Cornwallis and his army persuing us and at the crossing of the Adkin River came up with us, his advance and our rear guard had an engagement [skirmish at Trading Ford on Yadkin River, 4-5 Feb 1781], we crossed the river and marched to Guilford courthouse, and marched the prisoners guarding them on across Dan River Gen'l. [Daniel]Morgan commanding the american troops that is the rifle men in whose command I served. But General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] made a stand at Guilford courthouse North Carolina and Cornwallis with his army came up in the month of March [the 15th] where a general engagement took place in 1781 and after this Gen'l Cornwallis marched around to Virginia. That he was in said engagement at guilford courthouse That he then joined a company commanded by Captain Beazley the regiment he does not reccollect if there was one it was a rifel core [rifle corps] and Major [Ambrose] Rucker commanded the Battallion and in October 1781 after Cornwallis was hemmed in at returned home himself, until the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781], and in the year 1786 he served as Lieutenant in Captain Browns Company under the command of Gen'l Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark, Northwest Indian War] against the Shawnee Indians he was a spy in said company also Col Cox commanded the redgment, in the service he was engaged from July till november being something upwards of three months; That he was altogether in the service, from June 1778 until, the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York except, while he was absent in Kentucky making in all over two years, while he was at home, he was absent by leave of general [Thomas] Nelson and still considered himself in service He was in the Battle at Guilford, Hot water [Hotwater Plantation, 26 Jun 1781], Green Spring [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and several other small skirmishes he received no written no discharge, but was discharged in the fall 1781. He is not apprized of any person by whom he can prove his services above stated except Ephraim Dicken [pension application S30989] he has no documentary evidence of his services and he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency

in any state; sworn and subscribed the day & year above written.



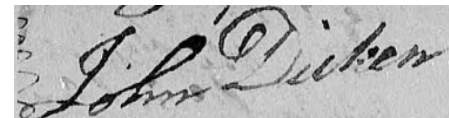
On this 6th day of March 1833 personally appeared before me W. H. Martin a justice of the peace in and for Monroe County State of Kentucky Ephraim Dicken a resident of the same who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statement of his knowledge of John Dicken and of his service in the United States army in the revolutionary war in the first place he was born in Virginia in Culpeper County on the waters of the Roberson [sic: Robinson] River on the 16th day of April in 1759 according to our Father Register and went as a soldier to guard the prisoners taken with Burgoin and guarded them at the Albermarle barax in Albermarl County Virginia and served 7 or 8 months and in the year 1780 in the month of June he started from Culpeper County in the aforesaid state to the south for a 6 month tour and in the June following he was still in the service near Richmond in Virginia we still remained together until after the Battle at Hotwater where we both was in the engagement and I was taken prisoner and I never saw him till the close of the war any more and after the war ended Major Rucker told me that he was in the advanced party at the Battle at the Green sp and saw an enemy and called for the best Marksman and John Dicken appeared and fired and mortally wounded a man a great distance this is from the statement of Major Rucker and we served a tour in 1786 against the Maymee [sic: Maumee] Indians in the same he the said John Dicken was Lieutenant in and served as stated in his declaration and has stated the particulars of our march thro' the Country and of the battles that we was engaged in and the officers that I know I served from December till July in the Barrax in the first place and from June 1780 till June 1781 and had good circumstantial evidence that he served till Oct and in a tour against the mawmee Indians I serve with him a gain and know he has state the trooth Sworn to and subscribed this day and year affore said



Amended Declaration

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personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for Green County Kentucky John Dicken who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, To wit For Eight months I served as a private soldier and volunteer under the command of Captain Slaughter and Colonel Harvey and others in the year of 1778 and 1779 And for sixteen months I served under the command of Captain Yancy Colonel Stephens and General Morgan and other officers, in 1780 and 1781 I was a volunteer and served as a Ordely Sergent for one year at least, and for a four month of the 16 month toure was Insign but never got any commission and in 1786 for 4 month I served under the command of Captain Brown Colonel Cox and General Clark was a Volunteer and served as Lieutenant and for such service I Claim a pention I farther state that I have a record of my age and according to that record I was born on the 16th day of April in the year 1759 in Culpeper County State of Virginia that I lived in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia when I was called into Service I moved to Kentucky in the year 1784 and I have resided in Kentucky eversince and During 12 years last past I have lived in Green County Kentucky where I now live I am well acquainted with many persons in my present neighbourhood who can testify as to my character for Veracity and there belief of my services in the revolution and amongst them I would name James McCullin sen and James McCullin jr and Elijah Green Sworn and subscribed this 1st day of June 1833 before me
Edward Lewis JPGC



State of Kentucky Green County

On this 10th day of March 1857 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Mrs. Mary Dicken a resident of said county aged 82 years who being duly sworn according to law Declares & makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 2^d February 1848 & other acts which is applicable to her case. That she is the widow of James McCubbin Deceased who was a resident of the said County of Green & died therein in the year 1824. That she was married to the said James McCubbin in Rockingham County North Carolina in the year 1784 in December the 29th day by the Reverend Isaac Cantrell a Baptist minister that her name before her marriage was Mary Cook She states that she & her said husband lived in North Carolina until the year 1804 or 1805 when they removed to Kentucky & settled in Green County in the year 1805 where she now lives. That she & her said husband James continued to reside in said County together until the year 1824 when he died & left her the said Mary a Widow. That after this to wit in the year 1826 she intermarried with one John Dicken with whom she continued to live until the 13th June 1841 when her said second husband died in the said county of Green & leaving her the said Mary a Widow She has not ever intermarried since the Death of her 2^d husband s'd John Dicken, but is still a Widow. She states that she has no record of her marriage or age nor does she know of any public Record of her marriage with said James McCubbin Except the Record in the family Bible of her marriage She never had any issue by her 2^d husband Dicken. She had however a large number of children by her first husband who are the following Viz John McCubbin James McCubbin Sally Zachariah Joseph Polly William Eleanor Pleasant Nicholas Thomas Elizabeth & David McCubbin The eldest of whom is now about 65 years of age & the youngest about 37 years old. She states that both of her said husbands were Revolutionary Soldiers. Said John Dicken was allowed a Pension for his services in the Revolution at the rate of \$80 per year which he continued to draw until he died or rather till the 4th March 1841 his Certificate was issued to him on the 22^d day of August 1833 signed by Lewis Cass Secretary of War & Numbered 19.360.

She states that previous to her first marriage that is with James McCubbin he said James served in the Revolution War as a Private for the Term of Six Months & was honorably Discharged from said service as she is informed & verily believes She states that she is informed and believes it to be true as he has often heard her husband said James McCubbin speak of it that he said James McCubbin Entered the service of his County in the County of Rockingham North Carolina in the year 1776 or 1777 at the age of about 19 or 20 years as a private & in the Company Commanded she believes by Captain Pierce but as to this she is not Positive. That the Company & army in which said James was, proceeded into said service & actively served for the Term of Six Months as she is informed. She cannot give a minute history of the Campaign of her said husband in said service but she well recollects of said James telling her about being in the Battle of Stono [Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779]. She does not distinctly recollect the names of the officers commanding at Stono. But she thinks Wade Hampton John Hampton & Edward Hampton were officers there Edward Hampton might have been the Captain of the Company in which her husband served. Her said Husband, James McCubbin received a Discharge for Six Months Service as she is informed, but owing to their removal & other causes the Discharge has been lost or mislaid so that she cannot find it She has never asserted her claim to a pension under any Law heretofore passed by Congress except the present claim & she relinquishes all claim for a Pension Except the present. She states that from age & bodily infirmity she is unable to attend court for the purpose of making her Declaration in Court. She makes this Declaration in order to obtain a Pension as the Widow of said James McCubbin Dec'd under the act of 2^d February 1848.

Mary Dicken

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On this 10th day of March 1853 Eighteen hundred and fifty three personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the County Court of said County of Green Mrs. Mary Dicken a resident of said County aged Eighty four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the

following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 3^d day of February 1853. That she is the widow of John Dicken Deceased, who was a Revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner and who drew a Pension from the united States at the rate of Eighty dollars per annum which he drew Semi-Annually at the pension agency at Louisville kentucky. he resided in said county of Green for a number of years & and up to the time he died. That after the death of her said husband John Dicken she as the widow of said Dicken drew the fraction of Pension which was due from the last semi-annual draw to the time he died. The fact of the time of the Death and fact of the death of said John Dicken and the rate of Pension which he drew and of her the said Mary Dicken being his widow was duly proven and enrolled of Record in the said county court of Green County a Certified Copy of which is here filed. She further declares that she was married to the said John Dicken on the 17th day of January 1825 & her name before her said Marriage was Mary some times called Polly McCubbin that her said husband John Dicken Decd in Green County Kentucky on the 13th of June 1841. That she was married to him at the time above stated. She further states that she was a widow at the Passage of said act and is still a widow and has not intermarr'd since the Death of said John Dicken. She states that before her said Marriage with John Dicken she was the widow of James McCubbin a revolutionary soldier who served in that war & was in the Battle of Stono & Guilford, that she some years ago applied for a Pension in right of the said McCubbin under the act of 2^d July 1848 & 7th July 1838 but owing to her failure to establish her marriage by Record evidence & for the want of sufficient proof of service, her claim was not allowed. She gives up & renounces all claim to her pension or right of Pension on account of the services of her former husband James McCubbin and asserts her Claim now in right of the service of her late husband said John Dicken. She has never made any application for a Pension Except as above stated. She also Declares that from age & bodily infirmity she is unable to attend court for the purpose of making her Declaration in Court She files herewith a certified copy of the Record of her Marriage with her husband said John Dicken Deceased, her first husband James McCubbin Decd in Green County Kentucky in March 1824
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[Certified by James L. McCubbin and Amy McCubbin.]

NOTES:

On 29 March 1851 George Morris, 77, Nancy Morris, 70, and Zachariah (“Zack”) McCubbin, 57, certified the statements made in Mary Dicken’s claim for a pension as the widow of James McCubbin. Zack McCubbin also stated the following: “he knows the children of said James & Mary all the folloing all raised & now living Except one (towit James McCubbin) – John McCubbin Sally Zack Joseph Polly William Eleana Pleasant Nicholas Thomas Elizabeth & David. the Eldest of whom is upwards of 60 years of age.” In addition he quoted the following from the record in the family Bible: “Mary Cook was married to James McCubbin in December 29 1784 in North Carolina Rockingham County.” He also stated that according to that family record the oldest child, John McCubbin, was born 15 Sep 1785, James McCubbin was born 10 July 1789, Sally McCubbin was born 19 Sep 1791, and David McCubbin was born 23 Sep 1813.

The file contains a copy of the following minister’s return: “I do Certify that I joined together in the holy state of Matrimony John Dicken to Polly McCubbin Jany 17th 1825/ Johnson Graham.”

On 19 March 1855 Polly Dicken, “upwards of 80,” applied for bounty land.