

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dickson W25541

Mary Dickson

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: July sessions 1834

On the 23rd day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting John Dickson a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the year 1776 his father Thomas Dickson was drafted to go on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, my father went to Charleston with a drove of horses. I went in his place in the Company then commanded by Captain Barber [John Barber] that the Company was marched into the service at Charles McLean's in this County in June of said year and were marched to McFadden's Fort in Rutherford County that Captain Barber's Company remained at said Fort until the Mecklenburg troops were marched to the Pleasant Gardens in now Burke County where his Company joined the troops under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] that the Army was marched to French Broad River Pidgeon [sic, Pigeon] River and were Marched to the Indian Towns that the Army burnt the Indian towns took a few Indian prisoners; after they had returned across French Broad [River] the Army separated he was marched with Captain Barber's company through Rutherford that he was taken sick and was left at the house of a Mr. Carson in Lincoln County in November of said year and was not with the company when they were discharged having served six months.

In March 1779 he volunteered under the command of Captain Barber was marched into Rutherford County to Mills that the Company remained at Mills one month when they were discharged.

In the spring of the year 1780 he was drafted for six months and was mustered into service near Tuckaseegee Ford by Captain James Lytle that the Company was marched through Mecklenburg County into South Carolina that he was marched to Waxhaw Creek where he was taken sick got a furlough & returned home he was absent from the company two or three weeks when he joined the company below Camden and other troops under the command of Major Rutherford who had in charge 240 prisoners taken at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] that he marched with the Army to Bell's Branch near Salisbury where he was discharged after the prisoners were placed under the care of other troops, he got a discharge from Captain Lytle for his tour of service but has lost it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Roll of any agency.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Dickson



Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in the year 1756 on the 25th of December in Ireland

2nd have you any Record of your age If so where is it

Answer I have none

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

Answer I lived in this County when I was called into service and ever since

4th how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for

I was first a substitute for my father the second I volunteered and the third I was drafted

5. State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service

Answer Colonel Malmedy General Rutherford and Major Rutherford Colonel William Graham

6th did you ever receive a discharge if so by whom was it given & what became of it

I never got a discharge from any officer only Captain Lytle which is lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer I know of no clergyman who is acquainted with my Revolutionary Services Samuel Espy¹ of Lincoln County who pass [paper torn and text missing] given his affidavit and [paper torn and text missing] William Makaw [sic, William Mayhew]² both [paper torn and text missing] pensioners of the United states are the only witnesses I could get to prove my Services. Edward Davis and Moses T. Abernathy appeared in open Court and being duly sworn say they have known John Dickson the applicant that it is generally believed in his neighborhood that he was a Revolutionary Soldier that he has supported the character of an honest man and a man of truth. Sworn to and subscribed on the above date.

S/ M. T. Abernathy

S/ Edwd. Davis

[p 10: on May 3, 1854, in Cleveland County North Carolina, Mary Dickson, 62, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Dickson, a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him sometime in the year 1718 (day not recollected) and that her husband died the last day of June 1840; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow died September 17 1857; there is a statement that John and Mary Dickson had a large family of children but no names are given.]

¹ [Samuel Espy \(Espy\) S6824](#)

² [William Mayhew S7184](#)

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North Carolina Lincoln County: Made the 10th 1834 this is to certify that Samuel Espy came before me the subscribing Justice & made oath in due form of law and saith that sometime in the year of our Lord 1779 in the month of March that the deponent knew of John Dickson of Lincoln County North Carolina was stationed at Millses on Greene River under the command of Captain Barber for the space of one month in the Militia Service of the United States as Deponent believes if. Sworn to and subscribed before me this day & date above written.

S/ Robert Winter, JP

S/ James Espy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel Espy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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North Carolina Lincoln County July the 17th 1834

To all whom it may Concern this is to Certify that this Day personally came before me the subscribing justice William Mayhew and made oath in due form of law and saith that he William Mayhew was out at least six months tour of duty under the command of James Lytle Captain of the North Carolina Militia then in the service of the United States in the year 1780 where he said Deponent saw John Dickson the Bearer hereof serving in said Company as a private doing Military duty under Captain Litle [sic] Lieutenant Robert Shannon and Thomas Patterson Ensign where he was mustered into service not far from the tuckasigee [sic, Tuckaseegee] Ford and was marched from thence to the Waxhaw Creek where said Dickson was taken sick got a furlough to go home in two or three weeks said John Dickson got better came back and joined his Company who had in charge 240 Prisoners which had been taken at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs where the marched to Bell's Branch near to Salisbury the Company was Discharged from their tour of duty after their term was up by Captain Little [sic] . Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th of July 1834

S/ Robert Winter, JP

S/ William Mehew [sic], X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]