

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Dickinson W27891

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State of Virginia, Henry County to witt

On this 29 day of October 1845, before me Jabez Gravely a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mrs. Jemima Dickinson a resident of said County Aged 83 years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 (March 3rd 1843 and June 17, 1844) entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of Thomas Dickinson dec'd of said County, who was a private soldier of Infantry in the Continental line of Service, and served two years as such to the North, under captain Samuel Cabell from Amherst County, and perhaps part of his time under Col [Daniel] Morgan – said service being performed in the early part of the Revo'y war, say in 1776, 77, 78, &c having served two years in all as a regular soldier – being at the Battles of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Trenton on Christmas day [sic: 26 Dec 1776], at the capture of the Hessians &c. This being about the amount of what she recollects of her husbands services. That her dec'd. husband Thos. Dickinson above named moved from Amherst County about the close, or just after the Revo'y war to said county and was married to declarant, the [illegible]nd day of Oct'r. 1783 and that her husband the aforesaid Thos. Dickinson died in said County on the 7th day of Nov'r. 1806. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of Jan'y. 1794 – Viz, at the time above states, as will more fully appear, by reference to the proof annexed – and that her maiden name was Jemima Wells. Jemima herXmark Dickinson

State of Virginia Bedford County to witt

I Thomas Sall a Justice of the peace in and for said County do hereby Certify, that I at 12 years old was acquainted with Thos. Dickinson of the County of Amherst during the Revo'y. war and recollects distinctly, that said Dickinson was left-handed, lived in the same neighbourhood with myself, and about 8 miles of New Glasgow [sic: New Glasgow] in Amherst county. I know nothing positive of said Thos. Dickinson having enlisted under Cap. Sam'l. Cabell who was recruiting a company from Amherst Co. in the early part of the Revo'y war, but that he is satisfied from what he knew and heard that he the said Thos. Dickinson was absent from home during the period from 1776 to 1778 or 79. That after the close of the war, said Dickinson moved from Amherst to one of the back counties toward the South and there married – and I understand died several years ago. The Dickinsons and Hills were intimate and close neighbours in Amherst, and I know that Wm. Hill did move to Henry County. I cannot say positively that Dickinson moved to Henry but think it probable that he did. Given under my hand this 28 day of November 1845. Th. Sall JP.

State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County to witt

On this 30th day of October 1845 before me Achilles H Moorman a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared James Thomas [pension application S41249] a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath say – That he is 85 years old and a U.S. pensioner at \$96 pr. An. and knows the fact, that Thomas Dickinson dec'd of Henry was in the regular service in the Revolutionary war under Cap. Sam'l. Cabell from the County of Amherst, at least two years, if not more. That deponent got acquainted with said Thos. Dickinson in the Service he thinks while the Army under Gen'l. Washington was stationed at Valley Forge [winter 1777-78]. Deponant belonged to Cap James Batops's [sic: James Baytop's] company Reg't. Dickinson belonged to a different Reg't, but what No he can not say. He the deponant can not say the precise time that Dickinson left the

service, but that he was at the capture of the Hessians at Trenton on Christmas day 1776; and at the Battle of German Town in Oct'r. 1777. Deponant is not certain that Dickinson was under cap Cabell all the time he was in said Service, probably not more than two years. Said Dickinson and dep. has had frequent conversations since the Revo'y. war concerning their services together in said war. Said Dickinson was a tolerable tall man, and played the Fiddle while in the Army and since too. Said Dickinson moved from Amherst to the County of Henry about the close of the Revo'y. war, and was a married man in 1784, when dep called to see him when on a visit to said County of Henry. and he understood married Jemima Wells of Henry County the daughter of cap Jno Wells [John Wells] of Henry County, and that he the said Dickinson died in Henry County between 35 and 40 years ago and that his widow Jemima (as he understands is still alive.

James hisXmark Thomas

STATE OF Virginia } SS:
COUNTY OF Henry }

On this 13 day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty personally appeared before me Henry D. Peters a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jemima Dickinson aged 92 years, a resident of Henry County, in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Thomas Dickinson deceased, who was a Corporal in the revolutionary war: That she is a pensioner at the rate of Eighty dollars per annum: under the act of Congress passed the 2nd February 1848 as will appear by reference to the roll of Pensioners recorded in the Pension office Page 149 Vol 3. For evidence of her said husbands services and her marriage &c she refers to her original declaration under the aforesaid act on file at the Pension office She farther states that she was married to the said Thomas Dickinson in Henry on the 2 day of October, A.D. 1787 [sic] by one Parson Guillam an Episcopalian minister and that her name, before her said marriage, was Jemima Wells that her said husband died at his residence on the [blank] day of [blank], A.D. 1806 and that she is now a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 3d, 1855, & she declares that she never before made application under this or any other act of congress

Jemima herXmark Dickinson

NOTE: Jabez Gravely stated that "Dickinson was a man of about 6 feet high, dark skin, and blue eyes – left handed, and played the Fiddle left-handed." Joice Wells Johnston, widow of James Johnston (pension application W7945) stated that when she was about 15 Thomas and Jemima Dickinson were married by Rev. Dr. Guilliam.