

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Anthony Dibrell W3398 Wilmuth Dibrell VA
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State of Virginia, County of Amherst s.s.

On this 25th day of December 1845 before me Joseph R. Carter a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Mrs Wilmuth Dibrell aged seventy one years, a resident of the County and state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838. That she is the Widow of Anthony Dibrell dec'd, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. She is unable to speak in the relation to the services of her husband during the Revolutionary War, only that she has heard him (the said Anthony Dibrell) speak of his having been in the United States service a good deal. As to the Officers under whom he served and the duration of his service, she is dependent on others to say, not recollecting, if indeed she ever knew, as she was married to him some eight or nine years after the war was closed – that she was married in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, that he died in the year Eighteen hundred and sixteen, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Wilmuth Dibrell

Richmond March 14 1846

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing you my Mothers Declaration, together with proof of my Fathers service and marriage, to ask your kind aid in her behalf in obtaining a pension for her, under the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and knowing that you are well acquainted with the Affiants in the case, viz. the Messrs Patteson & Capt Jno. Thomas [John Thomas, pension application S46515], as being the most credible witnesses, (which fact being made known by you to the Commissioner of pensions will have great influence) I cannot doubt my Mothers success.

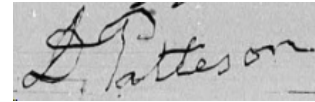
She is quite old and infirm, very needy, and is indeed entirely dependent on her children (who are also needy) for support. Should you be personally acquainted with the commissioner of pensions, and will do me the favor to see him at his office, he will doubtless consent to act at once in my Mothers petition; otherwise, it must remain in his office until reached in the regular course of business, which may not happen for several months to come.

I have the pleasure of knowing several other members of Congress, but prefer sending these papers to your care, because you are a resident of my native county, and personally know the respectable standing of the gentlemen who testify in the case. Your kind interference in this matter will confer on my mother lasting obligations to you, and be regarded as a particular favor by your friend & most obt servt
Chs L. Dibrell

I David Patteson a resident of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia, aged eighty seven years, do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Anthony Dibrell late of Buckingham County Virginia, and know that he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, though do not know as to the duration of his service with that certainty as would enable me to make oath to it, but being called on to say what I do know, do hereby certify to the following facts, Viz: that in or about the month of February 1778 [sic] said Anthony Dibrell went to guard the Prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781], though, I do not recollect who commanded – that he in the latter part of May or 1st of June 1781, said Anthony Dibrell and many others were ordered by Col. Jno. Cabell [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell] to remove the military stores from Scotts Ferry to New London, Bedford County Virginia – that there were several other places he was sent to (Viz.) Cumberland Court House, Prince Edward and Louisa Counties,

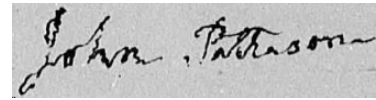
to meet the enemy, but I do not recollect the time &c. I also distinctly recollect that in the month of September said Anthony Dibrell went to York Town, where he remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and the British Army.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1846

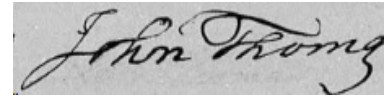


I, John Patteson a resident of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia, aged eighty two years, do hereby certify that, I was well acquainted with Anthony Dibrell late of Buckingham County Virginia, and know that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, that said Anthony Dibrell marched from the County of Buckingham early in the month of February of 1781 to the State of North Carolina, and was in the battle of Guilford Court House on the 15th day of March 1781, that he continued in General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army some time after the Battle at Guilford commanded by Col. Jno. Holcomb [sic: John Holcombe], Maj. St. Geo. Tucker [St. George Tucker] and Maj. [Henry] Skipwith, the tower was always considered a three months and has been admitted so to be

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1846



I John Thomas of the County of Buckingham and state of Virginia, a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Anthony Dibrell dec'd, who was the husband of Wilmuth Dibrell of Amherst County, Virginia, and being called on to state what I know in relation to said Anthony Dibrells services in the Revolutionary War, do certify, that although I cannot speak as to the duration of his whole service, yet I know that the said Anthony served three months under Capt John Moseley of Buckingham Virginia at Albemarle Barracks as a Lieutenant, or Ensign, (I forget which) for at the expiration of that time I made out the pay roll for Capt Moseley myself. I was a Captain in Colo. Taylors [Francis Taylor's] Regiment of Guards at Albemarle Barracks, standing Guard over the prisoners taken at the defeat of Burgoyne at Still Water [Stillwater] in the State of New York [9 Mar 1846]



NOTES:

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 3 Nov 1790 by Anthony Dibrell and James Wilson for the marriage of "Anthony Dibrell Batchelor and Wilmoth Watson Spinster both of the County of Amherst."

On 12 Dec 1848 Wilmuth Dibrell stated that Anthony Dibrell had been a Private in the Revolutionary War.