

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Dickinson W4178 Ann Dickinson VA
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State of Virginia } ss
Caroline County }

Be it known that on the 11th day of May 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Mrs. Ann Dickinson a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following statement, and declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836.

that she is the widow of Thomas Dickinson, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, in [blank] tours of duty, on Continental establishment [sic: see endnote], and a Sergeant, in one Tour, under Capts R Tyler [Richard Tyler], Roger Quarles &c that said tours of duty, as well as this deponant can now recollect were six months each, but whether her said husband was kept in service, the full time of six month, each tour she can't recollect, but to the best of this deponants recollection he was in service six months at two different periods, one of which tours were at the Siege of York, when the British Army capitulated [19 Oct 1781]

She further declares that she was married to the said Thos. Dickinson dec'd on the 22nd day of March 1775 and that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Dickinson died on the 13th day of July 1826 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof, hereunto annexed.

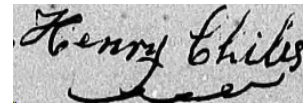
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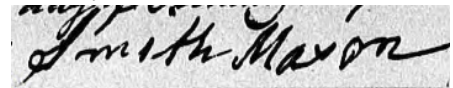
Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written Wm. W. Dickinson J.P.

State of Virginia
Caroline County Sc

Be it known that on the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the subscriber [William W. Dickinson] a Justice of the peace in and for the said County, Henry Chiles [pension application S9175] aged seventy six years and made oath in due form of Law, that he knew Thomas Dickinson late of Caroline County, now deceased, that he served a six months tower of duty in the Revolutionary war in the year 1778 with the said Thomas Dickinson in the third Virginia Regement commanded by Gen'l. Alexander Spotswood, that the said Thomas Dickinson musterd in the Company commanded by Capt. Tyler or Quarles



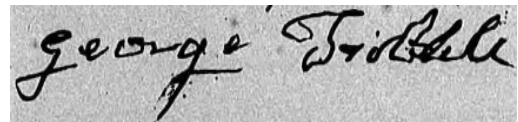
I Smith Mason [S7180] aged Seventy five years do solemnly swear that I served a tower of two months, under Capt [name erased] (in a tower of duty) in the War of the Revolution, called the flying Tower, in Redgement Commanded by General Thomas Matthews [sic: Col. Thomas Mathews], and that Thomas Dickinson late of Caroline County now deceased, was also in the said Company, and served the whole Tower with me, and we were discharged at same time. this 9th day of February 1839.



The affidavit of Claiborn Durrett [Claborn Durrett S39469] (aged 81 years, a United pensioner), who being first duly sworn according to Law saith that he served a tour of duty in the war of the Revolution with Thomas Dickinson late of Caroline County, now deceased that they were encamped in an old field near Wmsburg a part of the time and as well as I can now recollect, it was a short time before the Seige of York commenced. I returned home and left the said Thomas Dickinson in the army, said T Dickinson was in a company commanded by Capt Tyler attached to the second or third Regement commanded by Gen'l. A. Spotswood
Claiborn hisXmark Durrett
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[Certified 9 March 1839 by Wm. W. Dickinson J.P.]

State of Virginia } S.S.
Caroline County }

This day [22 Jun 1839] George Tribble [W27863] aged Eighty three years personally appeared before the subscriber [William A. Moncure] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, saith that he was well acquainted with Thomas Dickinson now dec'd. late of the County of Caroline that he died about the year 1826, that he served a tour of duty with the said Thomas Dickinson in the Revolutionary war, that they were mess mates together, that they went together to Williamsburg, that they served in a company commanded by Captain John Tyler, and their colonel was Anthony Thornton of Caroline, that the said Thomas Dickinson left a widow, Mrs Ann Dickinson who is still alive, and yet remains the widow of the said Thomas Dickinson – and that they the said Thomas & Ann were married previous to the commencement of the Revolutionary war.



State of Virginia

Caroline County Wm. Madison [William Madison S5724] aged seventy four years personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, said that he was in the army of the Revolution, with Thomas Dickinson (late of the said County of Caroline now dec'd.) in a tour of duty (and served at said time with said Thomas Dickinson) some time in the neighborhood of Richmond, and from Richmond down James River to West Over [sic: Westover on James River in Charles City County], and thence towards Williamsburg, the said Thomas Dickinson, mustered in a company commanded by either Capt. Fitzhugh or Capt R. Tyler. the date this affiant cant now recollect. Given under my hand this 10th day of July 1839.
Test B. F. Dickinson Wm hisXmark Madison

State of Virginia

Caroline County ss

on This day the 8th January 1840 personally appeared before the subscriber [Wm. W. Dickinson] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Wm. Madison aged 75 years (a revolutionary pensioner of the United States) who being first duly Sworn according to law, saith on his Oath that he was well acquainted with Wm. Dickinson [William Dickinson R2939] late of Caroline County (and the husband of Mrs. Mary Dickinson now living in the upper end of this County), that he served three tours in the army of the revolution with the said Wm. Dickinson, towit one at Westover (about the time the British army landing there) one in & about Norfolk, and the tour called the flying tour, from Richmond or its vicinity (when invaded by the British) toward Charlottesville & thence through Orange to the Rackoon ford [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River] in Culpepper, & thence to York Town or its vicinity.

The said Wm Madison further said on oath that he was particularly acquainted with the late Thos. Dickinson of this County (the husband of Mrs Ann Dickinson) and that he saw & knows that said

Thomas Dickinson was also in each of the three tours of duty, named above, and also the said Thos. Dickinson was at the Siege of York in 1781 – and further this affiant saith not. officers are not recollected sufficiently to particulize names
Wm X Madison

NOTES:

Tours in Continental service were never for as little as six months each, and tours in the Virginia militia were seldom for more than three months, even when attached to Continental regiments. Captains Tyler and Quarles were in the Caroline County Militia. A letter from William W. Dickinson of Golansville VA dated 30 Oct 1839 indicates that the Pension Office offered Ann Dickinson a pension of \$20 per year for six months service, with which she was not satisfied. That letter also states that William Gatewood (pension application S17968) was also willing to swear that Thomas Dickinson was at the Siege of Yorktown.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 20 March 1775 by Thomas Dickenson and William Pollard to “our Sovereign Lord King George the third” for the marriage of Thomas Dickenson, bachelor, to Ann Woolfolk, spinster.

A letter by William W. Dickinson dated 25 Sep 1839 states in part: “Ann Dickinson is now almost confined to her bed with consumption... and no male to attend or manage their little farms.” A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Ann Dickinson received her final pension payment up to the date of her death, 14 Sep 1840.