

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Dicken W4179 Elizabeth Dicken VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

STATE OF GEORGIA, } On this 23^d day of October, personally appeared in open Court, before
Clarke County. } Asbury Hull presiding Judge of the Inferior Court of said County, now
sitting, Richard Dicken a resident of Georgia in the county of Clark and State aforesaid, aged Eighty
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:

In 1774 or 1775 He entered the service under command of Capt Garrett Miner [sic: Garrett Minor],
Lieutenant Bias [probably Byars] for one month & Capt Richard Anderson, another In the same years
under Capt Miner & Harry Garrett [Henry Garrett] he entered the minute service, & served every other
week for six months.

In 1775 or 76 he performed one months service, under Col. John Nelson, Major Minor, & Capt. John
Bias [sic: John Byars]. It was the tour against Governor Dunmoor [sic: Lord Dunmore, Apr 1775 - Aug
1776].

In 1776, He served one month under Capt. Wm. Harris [William Harris], & Lieut. John Anderson to
guard the prisoners at Albermarle barracks [see endnote], and one other month some time afterwards to
the same place, officers not recollected.

For one month more. I substituted in the place of John Carpenter for four months under Capt Thomas
Johnson & Lieut. Daniel in '79 or '80

At the time that Tarlton & Cornwallis [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton and Gen. Cornwallis 8 May - after
19 Oct 1781] was in Virginia He went a three months tour under Capt. Richard Phillips and joined the 3^d
Regment under Genl. [Thomas] Nelson, Col Quarles, & Major Campbell.

in All 13 Months Services.

The Register of my age, now in my possession tells me that I was born the 11th December 1753 in
Virginia

I lived in the State of Virginia in Louisa County in one house, until I was something like forty years of
age. In 1789 I came to Georgia & lived in Wilkes County, and in 1804 I moved to Clark County in said
State of Georgia, where I now reside.

I entered the service as a militia man, after the six months minute service, in the Independant Musters as
they were then called.

There were ten Divissions in the County. I was drafted in the 3^d but exchanged places with a man by
name of Robert Harris who was drawn in the first Divission

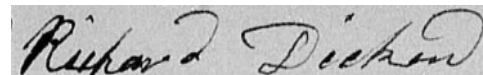
I do not recollect the names of many of the Regular Officers; at the time I joined the third Regment,
General La Fayette [Lafayette] Commanded and General Nelson, who returned back and crossed the
Rappahanock River at Racoon Ford [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River, 6 Jun 1781], and thence across
to James River and down to Williamsburg

I never got a discharge, but only a Certificate, to draw my pay from the different Captains under whom I
served.

I once served as a substitute for John Carpenter in a four months tour. in All 13 Months

For my character for veracity & integrity I refer to Captain James Hendon Deputy Sheriff of this
County & William Stroud Esq'r. one of the Judges of the Inferior Court – and for my service I refer to
the affidavit of Solomon Edwards [pension application W7080]

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

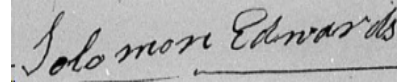


Georgia }
Clarke County } Inferior Court 23rd October 1832

Personally came in open Court Solomon Edwards who being duly Sworn, according to Law, deposeth and saith that he was born & raised in the State of Virginia, & was raised & lived in the neighborhood where Richard Dicken, the Declarant, was also raised towit in the State of Virginia – and know that the said Richard Dicken served several tours during the Revolutionary War & was allways considered to be a true & substantial friend to the American Cause.

Sworn to in open Court this 23rd October 1832

Robert Ligon Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Solomon Edwards". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

Albemarle Barracks were not completed until the end of 1778. Prisoners captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 were housed there from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781.

On 13 Feb 1839 Elizabeth Dicken, about 80, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Parson Douglass in Louisa County “under publication of Banns” to Richard Dicken, Sr. some time before he left the service, and her husband died on 16 Dec 1833. *The Douglas Register* kept by Rev. William Douglas (W. F. Jones Ed. Baltimore: Clearfield Co. 2001) lists the following: “Dickens, Rich. & Eliz. Sansom, both of Louisa 1780, Oct. 20.” It also records the births and baptisms of two of their children: Nancy born on 12 Jun 1784 and John born on 10 Aug 1787. The Clerk of Louisa County found no record of the marriage, but he did find a record of a deed by which “Richard Dickins and Elizabeth his wife” sold a small tract to Reuben Gunter on 15 Nov 1793.

On 13 Aug 1839 Solomon Edwards certified that the marriage occurred in 1780, and that Douglas also officiated at his own wedding. Edwards also stated that Richard and Elizabeth Dicken had two or three children born before 1790, and that their son Thomas Dicken Esq. was then nearly 60.