

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dawkins W6992

Susannah Dawkins

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State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1832

Personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Order Sessions John Dawkins a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged 81 or 2 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 the 7th 1832, that under Captain Speed and Medlock Colonel, he was with a Company of Mounted Militia who went in pursuit of the Indians and he thinks he was engaged in said pursuit three months and that after his return he served under Colonel Crawford three months in the capacity of a light horse man that at another time he was called out by General Harrington, who discharged him immediately after repairing to the place of rendezvous, that he was drafted out of Captain Speed's Company for a tour of three months to repair to Sullivan's Island, but that he employed a Substitute for that service whose name was John Long, that he believes he served other tours besides those specified above but owing to the impaired state of his memory from old age he is unable to name his Captains; that he regarded himself during the most of the War as a Minute Man or one who was ready and bound to appear in defense of his Country, whenever called upon to do so by the officer in command. --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. --

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ John Dawkins, X his mark

North Carolina, Richmond County: John McAlister makes oath that he was acquainted with John Dawkins in the War of the Revolution that he saw him in service under Captain Dodd and that from his knowledge of the character of said Dawkins he believes that the utmost confidence may be reposed on any declaration he may make on oath.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ John McAlister

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: April Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court John Dawkins who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that old age and the loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of service but – that according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the Periods mentioned and for such services he claims a pension, he has Endeavored to recollect the date of his Service, but being ignorant, old and illiterate he cannot recollect that – he was born he thinks in 1750 in the State of Virginia from which place he removed when an Infant to the County of Randolph North Carolina from which place he came to Richmond County where he has since & now lives & where he lived when called into Service – that he has no record of his Age, that he never received a discharge from the Service if he [did], he has lost it – that he has lately ascertained that he can prove the fact of his being in the service

as a Whig by John McAlister who was with him and states the Period of his service to have been in and about 1780 he states that he is known to John McAlister, Walter Leak, Sr., William Crawford, M. D. Crawford & others who from reputation in the Settlement & some of them from their own knowledge have always considered him to be a Soldier of the Revolution.

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: I John McAlester of the County of Richmond & State of N. C. do certify that I was acquainted with John Dawkins in the revolutionary war, that I was with him in the service I think in the year 1780 in this County, and not particularly recollect that he went in company with me with some prisoners in 1780 or 1781, who were some Tories which we took and carried to Salisbury N. C.

In testimony of which I have sworn to & subscribed to the same.

S/ J. Macalister

[Walter Leak gave the standard affidavit as to veracity of the applicant.]

[facts in file: veteran died October 29, 1837 in Richmond County, NC; he married Susannah Barber in the latter part of 1797 in Richmond County, NC; she was allowed a widow's pension on her petition in April 18, 1853, while living in Richmond County, NC; she gave her age as 73 in that petition; in another petition filed in 1855 she gave her age as 70; their first child, a daughter, Jean was born November 30, 1798; a son, Asa, was 35 in 1853.; no other children are named in the file.]

The following were provided by Wally Waits 12/19/13. He points out that these pages actually belong in the file of Joseph Dawkins W8665 whose widow Drusilla filed for a pension based on her husband's service. The file of Joseph Dawkins has been erroneously incorporated in John Dawkins' file as posted on Fold3.com beginning at page 36. HeritageQuest.com does contain a separate file for Joseph Dawkins under the SC veterans.

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The State of Georgia}

Twiggs County } On this the fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Ephraim [Ehpraim] Lyles, who being duly sworn according to Law deposed and saith; That Drucilla Dawkins the person whose signature is affixed to the declaration accompanying this affidavit and which was made before E. P. Lake Esq. Ordinary of Newberry District in the State of South Carolina, on the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fiftyone, is the widow of Joseph Dawkins who was a private in the Company of Capt. _____ in the Regiment of volunteers commanded by Col. Waters in the Revolutionary War: That he entered the army as a ~~vol~~ private _____ at _____ on the ____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and _____ and continued in actual service for the Term of _____ and was honorably discharged on or about the close of the war ~~day of~~ _____ A. D. seventeen hundred and ~~eighty~~ _____. That the said Joseph Dawkins performed the above service in the State of South Carolina, and at the time he entered said service was a resident of Newberry District, in said State: This despondent further states that he was a resident in said District and State during the period of the Revolutionary War; That he knew the said Drusilla and the said Joseph Dawkins prior to their marriage which was solemnized in his presence on the ____ day of _____ A.D. seventeen hundred and ~~eighty~~ _____ previous to the first day January A.D. seventeen hundred and ninety-four, that this despondent removed from the State of South Carolina in ^about^ the year of eighteen hundred and Twenty Eight _____ and that the said Joseph Dawkins

died in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [blank]

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This deponent further states that he himself was in the service of the United States during a portion of said war; ~~and that he was in the same _____ and Regiment in which the said Joseph Dawkins served during a part of the tour of his said service:~~ That deponent further states that the said Joseph Dawkins was in the Battle [of] Blackstock and Eutaw [Springs] and the said Joseph Dawkins got wounded on the head with a Sabre this was done in a skirmish some where a bout Charleston. This deponent States that he was not in the same company nor the same Regiment with the said Joseph Dawkins but he frequently saw him while in actual servs [sic] this deponent was himself in conl. Liles Regiment. This deponent states that the Said Drusilla Dawkins was the dauter of Williamson Liles that She was married to Joseph Dawkins previous to the year 1794.

This deponent Draws a pension from the general government and that himself and the Said Joseph Dawkins was both privates in the Revolution [signed] Ephraim Leles [sic]

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The State of South Carolina }
Newberry District }

Personally appeared before me one of the Magistrates for the District and State aforesaid John [sic] Dawkins who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith: That Drusilla Dawkins the person who has made the declaration accompanying this affidavit before E. P. Lake Esquire Ordinary of said District and State on the fourth day of December A.D. 1834 [?], in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress granting pen sions to the widows of revolutionary soldiers in certain Cases, in his mother: That she is the widow of Joseph Dawkins late of the District and State aforesaid and has never married since the death of her said husband: That the said Joseph [sic] Dawkins died between the twentieth and twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. That there is no family register of the marriage of his said father and mother in the possession of the family or in the possession of any one else within his knowledge. That there was a record of the birth of the children of said marriage in the possession of the family at one time, but that said record was consumed by fire in the year of 1818, when the family house and all its contents were burnt: That this deponent is now fifty years of age according to the entry in said register which was destroyed; That he distinctly remembers the ~~birth~~ [smear] of the birth of an older brother, Thomas Dawkins, as set down insaid register, which was the fourteenth day October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six: and that there were five children [in] the family of said marriage, older than the said Thomas Dawkins: That this deponent

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Sister Mary, a child of said Marriage, has a son five months and twelve days older than this deponent: That this deponent remembers a scar on the head of his father which he (his father) said was caused by a sabre wound received some where near Charleston in a skirmish: That this deponent has frequently heard his father speak of the battles and skirmishes in which he was engaged during the Revolutionary War: [signed] John Dawkins

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South Carolina }
Newberry District }

On this the Twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me one of the Magistrates in and for the District and State aforesaid, Ephraim Liles who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith: That he knows Drusilla Dawkins, the person now applying for the benefit of the Acts of Congress granting pensions to the widows of Revolutionary soldier in certain Cases; that she is the widow of Joseph Dawkins late of the District and State aforesaid: that this deponent was not present at the marriage ceremony of the said Drusilla and the said Joseph; that thay were living together as man and wife, and were so regarded by all their acquaintance, before the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, and were so regarded until the death of the said Joseph: that this deponent s father Col. Arramana Liles deceased was a Colonel [sic] in the service of his country during the Revolutionary War; that he has heard his father, and others who served in the war, speak of the services of the said Joseph during said war in terms of high praise and compliment.

[signed] ELyles

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The State of South Carolina }
Newberry District }

On this the Twenty first day of November A.D. 1851, personally appeared before me one of the Magistrates in and for the District and State aforesaid, Mrs. Elizabeth Maybin who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith: That she knows Mrs. Drusilla Dawkins of the District and State aforesaid: that she is the widow of Joseph Dawkins late of the District and State aforesaid; that she was not present at the marriage of the said Drusilla and the said Joseph; that they were living together as man and wife, and were so regarded by all their acquaintances prior to the year of One thousand seven hundred and ninety four; that this deponent's father Col. James Liles ^deceased^ was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War; and that the traditionary account, which she has heard from various sources, is that the said Joseph Dawkins, was a soldier in the service of his Country during the Revolutionary War.

Witness W. E. Hardy [smear]

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Elizabeth X Mayben {LS}
Mark

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Comptrollers Office
Columbia S. C.
Decr 1st 1851

No. 2496

Lib. X Issued 24th April 1786 to Mr. Joseph Dawkins for £26. 0. 0 stg [Sterling] duty in Watters [Col. Philemon Waters] Regt. Pd / Audited No 110. Principal £26. 0. 0.

Interest £1. 14. 4

a/c State of South Carolina

Tr Joseph Dawkins
For Militia duty since the fall of Charleston in Watters [Col. Philemon Waters] Regt. pr
Andersons returns
Amty [?] to Currency. £ 182.
Sterling £ 26.

Recd. 24th April 1786 full satisfaction for the above in an indent No 2496. [Book] X for order
filed in 2418 X

Wm Houseal

May 1st, 1786.

Messr. Porquet & Mitchell Commissioners of the Treasury
Gentlemen Please deliver our Indents to Capt Wm Houseal with the interest due
thereon. You will oblige

Your Humble servts
Signed by Joseph Dawkins.
& others

I certify that the above is a true copy from the Records in this office

J. B. McCully
Compl. Genl.

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The State of South Carolina
Newberry District

Personally appeared before me Majr Ephraim Lyles who being duly sworn according to law deposeth
and saith that he knew Henry Liles, Frances Welfer, Henry Anderson, and Mordecai Chandler; that he
was acquainted with them about the close of the Revolutionary War: That they lived in the
neighborhood where Joseph Dawkins the deceased husband of Mrs. Drusilla Dawkins, lived; and that
the above named persons were said and believed to have been in their country's service during said
war.

Sworn to before me this 3d day of May Anno [signed] ELyles

Domini 1852

James M. Baxter
Magistrate

The State of South Carolina
Newberry District

I James M. Baxter the Magistrate before whom the foregoing affidavit was made do certify that
Majr Ephraim Lyles the deponent is a man of good character and is entitled to full faith and credit.

3rd [smear] day of May 1852

James M. Baxter
Magistrate

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Recd. 10th April 1786 full satisfaction for the within, in an Indent N. 2366 X [Lib X] pr. Order filed in
2418 X Wm. Houseal

No. 104.

No. 2366. Book X.

10th April 1786.

Wm. Houseal for 392 days duty as Captn of Horse 24th April 1779 to 16th Nov 1782 attg in Col.
Waters's [Col. Philemon Waters] Regiment d 70/ pr day

Charged curry [currency?] £ 1323. 0. 0

Add more 49. 0. 0

Cury £ 1372. 0. 0

Stg £ 196. 0. 0

One hundred and Ninety six pounds Stg. Exd.

J. Mc.

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia 14th April 1852

I hereby certify the two foregoing Indents and accompanying accounts, Receipts and all therein
contained to be true copies taken from the originals now on Record and on file in this Office; and that
the two foregoing Receipts signed by Wm. Houseal appear and are believed to be the same
handwriting

J. B. McCully
Compt. Genl.
Pr. Tho. Johns
Deputy

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The State of South Carolina
Newberry District

Personally came before me, one of the Magistrates in and for the District and State aforesaid, Samuel
Waits [born c1773] who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is now about
seventy nine years of age; that he knew Samuel Waits [born c1753?]; that he was in the service of his
country during the Revolutionary War, and lived in the District of Ninety Six, in that part of it now
included in Newberry District.

Sworn to before me this
4th day of May Anno
Domini 1852

his
Samuel X Waits
mark

P W Counts
M. N. D [Magistrate of Newberry District?]

The State of South Carolina
Newberry District

I P. W. Counts the Magistrate before whom the foregoing affidavit was made do hereby

certify that Samuel Waits the deponent is a man of good character and entitled to full faith and credit.
May 4th 1852 P W Counts
M N D

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May 1st 1786

Mssr Pocquet and Mitchell Commissioners of the Treasury
Gentlm.

oblige Please deliver our Indents to Capt. Wm. Houseal with the Interest due thereon, you will

Your most humble Sevts.

John Fairchild
Michl. Bates -- some marked as due [?]
G. Jacobson
Samuel Messer
~~Alexander Welfer~~
Wm. Gay
~~Henry Liles~~
~~Francis Welfer~~
~~Joseph Dawkins~~
Thomas Patty [?] [Thomas Petty?]
Anna Ford
~~George Leaver~~
~~Martin Taylor~~
Daniel Purkins [?]
Charles Paty
Samuel Wates [Waits]
Adam Sneider
Wm. Caldwell
Wm. How
~~James Paty~~
~~Mordica Chandler~~
John Herrman
~~Henry Anderson~~
Richard Birdweasel
~~Micajah Herris~~
Daniel Chandler
~~Joachim Bülow~~

Note Those marked with red ink are found and deld. [deleted?]
I certify the a bove orders

P. Waters I. T.