

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Hezekiah Dewese (Dewese or Dewise) W7014 Annis fn39NC
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[State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County]

On this 28th day of May, 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the Court Pleas and Quarter sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina now sitting Hezekiah Dewese a resident of the above named County and State aged 73 years and after being duly sworn agreeable to said doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

I was born in the State of Delaware in the year 1760. My parents moved to Caswell County of State of North Carolina in 1772. I enlisted in the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier. Col. Dixon [Henry Dixon] enlisted me at Halifax Old Courthouse - State of Virginia for nine months. I enlisted under him June 1778, Tilmon Dixon [sic, Tilghman Dixon] was Capt. We then marched into North Carolina and lay there until Sept. I then got a furlough to go home and staid until November & we called out, we then marched to Guilford, Salisbury, Charlotte, Camden South Carolina and on to the Ten Mile House near Charleston & then to Purrysburg on Savany [sic, Savannah] River. There we encamped until spring then we marched on till near Augusta from that [place] to Briar Creek we then marched back to South Carolina and remained in that State until our time expired. Col Dixon then discharged us and we returned home.

In February 1781 I volunteered under Thomas Barnett for six weeks and was in the Battle at Guilford. A few days after the battle my time expired I returned home and was discharged.

In the year 1781 I substituted for twelve months a proclamation having issued that if twelve men could find one man to serve one year the whole of the twelve would be one year exempt from duty they accordingly hired me, the names of some I yet recollect many. There was John Barnette, John Henry, Pryor Yancey & a man the name of Baley, the officers I served under was Tilmon Dixon, Capt; Donoho [Thomas Donoho], Major and Col. Dixon [Henry Dixon]. We rendezvoused at Granville Courthouse then marched to Hillsborough, Salisbury, Charlotte and Camden South Carolina then over Santee River and was near Eutaw Spring at the time the battle was there. I was not in the Battle owing to sickness. The Captain ordered me to stay with the baggage during the Battle. I then remained in South Carolina until my turn of service expired which happened not long after the capture of Cornwallis at York town, Virginia, we had great rejoicing in our army when the news of his capture reached us. I served my term fully and was discharged and

returned home. I served in the whole twenty one months and six weeks. I have no documentary evidence to establish my claim, not thinking it necessary to preserve my discharges, I hereby relinquish every claim whatever a pension or annuity except the present under the Act of Congress of June 8th 1832 and declaring my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Interrogatories Put by the Court

Where and in what year was you born? I was born in the State of Delaware in the year 1760.

Have you any record of your age? Yes, in my Bible.

When and where did you enter the service of United States? I entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 June at Halifax Old Courthouse State of Virginia.

Where do you now reside? In Mecklenburg, North Carolina where I moved in 1800.

State the names of some of the officers you served under? I served under Col. Dixon, Major Donoho, Capt. Dixon and Capt. Barnett

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 28th day of May 1833.

S/ Hezekiah Dewise, C his mark

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared in open court before the Justice of Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions now setting for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina Isaih [sic] Dewese aged 69 years & after being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath say that he distinctly recollects Hezekiah Dewise did serve one nine months tour in 1778, and also one tour of twelve months in 1781 in the war of the Revolution.

Sworn and subscribed this 28th day of May 1833.

S/ Isaiah Dewise

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before the Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions now setting Thomas Barnette¹ aged 74 years and after being duly sworn agreeable to Law doth on his oath said that Hezekiah Dewise did enlist in June 1778 nine months under Col. Dixon & served out his time, and also another tour of twelve months which he substituted. I believe he served the full time as I saw him twice during the time in the army in South Carolina. This was the year 1871.

Sworn and subscribed this 28th day of May 1833.

S/ Thomas Barnett

Washington City, 2nd day of March 1834

[Walter S. Pharr, a clergyman, and James Doherty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Isaiah Dewise and Thomas Barnette are known to me to be respectable and creditable persons.

S/ Henry W. Conner, M.C. [Member of Congress]

[fn p. 9: on October 23, 1843 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Annis Dewise, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Hezekiah

¹ [Thomas Barnett S8041](#)

Dewese, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him August 12, 1784; that he died July 25, 1839; and that she remains his widow.]

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I Isaiah Dewese do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Annis Dewese the signer of the foregoing declaration and had been acquainted with her for a number of years. I was present at her marriage with Hezekiah Dewese which took place on the 12th day of August 1784 at her father's residence in Caswell County North Carolina. I know she was legally married, the ceremony was performed by John Adkerson Esquire who has been dead a number of years. I also certify that Hezekiah Dewese died on the 25th day of July 1839 and his widow Annis Dewese has remained single ever since.

S/ Isaiah Dewese

Sworn to and subscribed before me RD Alexander, Justs. C. C.

[fn p. 12: on April 29, 1846, in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, William Dewese, a resident of said County, filed a claim stating he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Annis Dewest who was the widow of Hezekiah Dewiest; that his mother died November eight, 1844 at which time she was still the widow of Hezekiah; that he has no record of the marriage of his parents other than the attached family record which is in the hand writing of Hiram Deweist having been written many years ago; that the heirs at law of his mother are: Marchant, Milliam [sic, William?], Mary McKibing, Nancy Davis, Martha and Rachel Deweist.]

[fn p. 15 family record]

Hezekiah Dewese was Born March 28th A.D. 1760

Annes Dewese was Born December 23rd A.D. 1767

Jonathan Dewese was Born September sixth A.D. 1785

Marchant Dewese was Born July 19th A.D. 1787

William Dewese was Born March 8th A.D. 1789

Aaron Dewese was Born [paper torn and text missing] 1793

Mary Dewese was Born January 3rd A.D. 1798

Nancy Dewese was Born October 2nd A.D. 1799

Patcy Dewese was Born June 9th A.D. 1802

Rachel Dewese was Born January 20th A.D. 1806

Wrote by Hiram Dewese