

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Thomas Dix W7016

Sarah Dix

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[p 3: A power of attorney dated January 3, 1805 executed in Essex County Virginia by Thomas Dix in which he authorizes his attorney to ask for and receive any warrant or patents of land due him for his service as an officer in the revolutionary war.



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Thomas Dix of Essex County in the Commonwealth of Virginia doth hereby declare & make oath according to law before the court of the County of Essex in the Commonwealth of Virginia, that he entered the Army of the United States as a cadet in the year 1776 in the company of Captain John Webb in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel William Daingerfield & continued in that company until he was appointed a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the company of Captain Nathl. Burwell [Nathaniel Burwell] in the Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison & continued in that company about one month when he was appointed a first Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Wm Pierce [William Peirce or Pierce] in the same Regiment and continued in that company until February 1778 when he received a commission as Captain Lieutenant in the company [p 12] commanded by Captain John Champe Carter in the same Regiment of artillery in which company, & holding the same command, he continued until the end of the war at which time he became discharged of course, and that the said Thomas Dix having exhibited before the court a parchment which being inspected, although much the faded, appears to have been a commission granted to the said Thomas Dix, therefore it is ordered to be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the court, that the said Thomas Dix did serve in the revolutionary war as above mentioned against the common enemy.

S/ James M. Garnett

At and Intervening Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 –  
The Forgoing certificate was produced in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Test

S/ Willis B Manhew, Clk

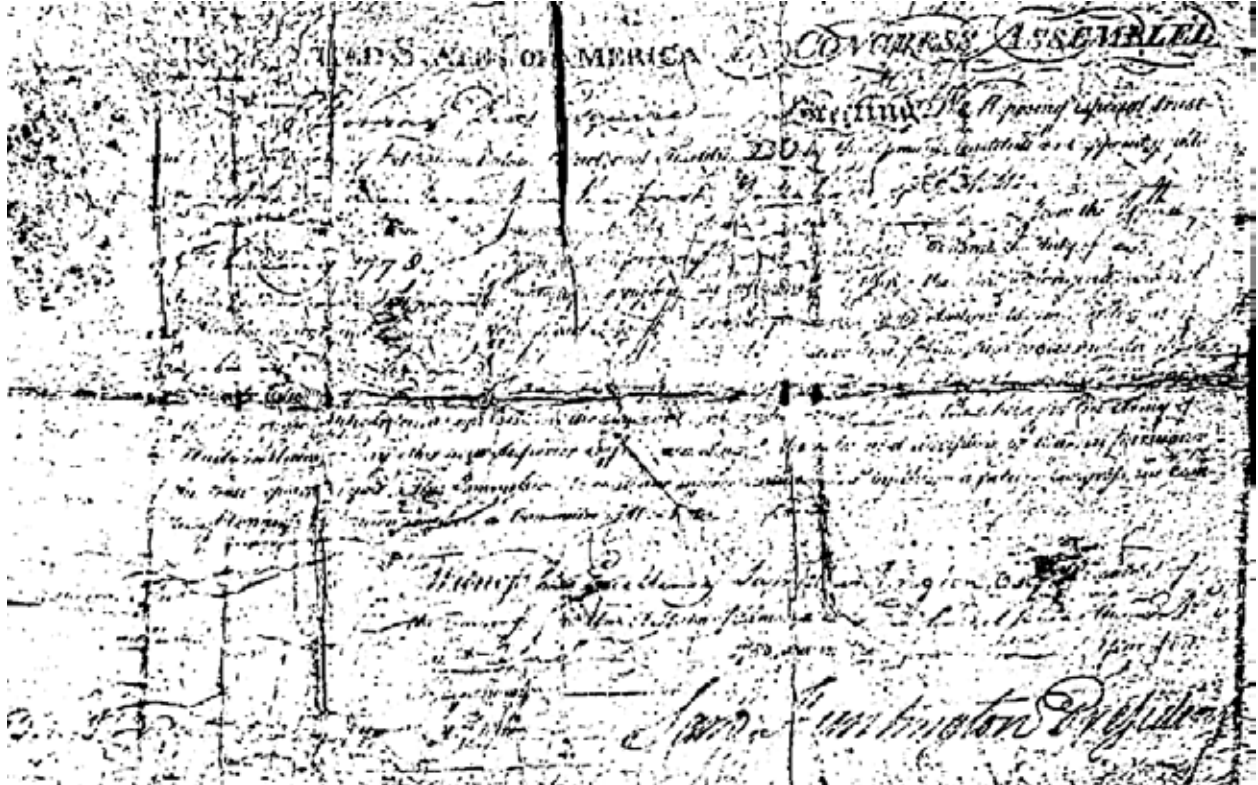
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Essex County to wit: Thomas Dix of Essex County aforesaid personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath according to law that he was 63 years old in January 1818 & that he served in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war

from the period when he entered the same in the year 1776 until the conclusion of the said war and that he is now reduced in his circumstances & is in need of the pension provided for officers & soldiers the act of Congress passed in March 1818 for his necessary support. Witness my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818

S/ H. W. Latane [?]

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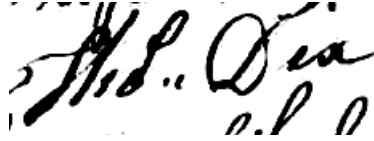
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Virginia Essex County to wit

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 Thomas Dix personally appeared before the County Court of Essex, the said Thomas Dix being aged sixty-four years in January last (1819) and a resident of the said County, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" That he the said Thomas Dix entered the Army of the United States as a cadet in the year 1776 in the Company of Captain John Webb in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel William Daingerfield and continued in that company until he was appointed a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Company of Captain Nathaniel Burwell in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison and continued in that Company about one month, when he was appointed a first Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain William Pierce in the same Regiment, and continued in that company until February 1778 when he received a Commission as Captain Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain John Champ Carter in the same Regiment of Artillery, in which company, and holding the same command, he continued until the end of the war, at which time he became discharged of course,

that he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Petersburg [April 25, 1781] in Virginia – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, his Commission above referred to having been here due for transmitted to the War Department together with his Declaration made before this Court on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

S/ Thos. Dix

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thos. Dix', with a horizontal line above it and some scribbles below.

[pp 5-6]

Council Chamber February 27 1783

I do certify that Captain Lieutenant Thomas Dix is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Captain Lieutenant of Artillery in the Virginia Continental Line for military service from the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1777 to this day.

S/ Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

Allowed No. 152 for 4000 acres of Land issued to Thomas Dix on the 27 February 1783  
Council Chamber October 30, 1807

Thomas Dix is entitled to the additional proportion of Land allowed a Captain Lieutenant of the Continental Line for 10 months service more than 7 years.

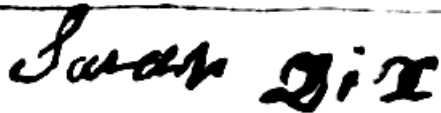
S/ Samuel Coleman

On 21 December 1807 warrant No. 5352 for 555 acres of Land issued to Thomas Dix, & was delivered to Captain Lewis Booker.

Copies from the records of the land office of Virginia as witness my hand & seal of office hereto affixed Richmond this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1837

S/ M. [illegible signature]

[p 14: On June 12, 1837 in Essex County Virginia, Sarah Dix, aged 86 years on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November next, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Dix a Captain Lieutenant in the Continental line and a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married Thomas Dix January 11, 1781; that her husband died July 17, 1824 and that she remains his widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah Dix', with a horizontal line above it.

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[p 15: John Daingerfield gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife and that said Thomas Dix married Sarah Edmundson of Essex County.]

[p 16: family register

the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1780 died Hannah Edmondson aged 66

January the 11 1781 I married Sarrah [sic] Edmondson

October the 14 1781 Thomas Edmondson Dix was born son of the above Thomas Dix and Sarah his wife.]

[p 18: Copy of a marriage bond dated January 8, 1781 issued in Essex County Virginia to Thomas Dix & William Latane [?] conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Dix to Sarah Edmondson.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1783, in the name of Thomas Dix, as a Captain Lieutenant Artillery for £259.0.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

To wit, pay as Lieutenant first Regiment of artillery from 13<sup>th</sup> of January 77 to 21 February 1778 and as Captain Lieutenant from 5 February 78 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1781

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

I also further certify that it appears from a list of Officers names who have received Certificates for one and 2 years advanced pay agreeable to Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781 – That a Certificate issued on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1782 for £324.0.0 in the name of Thomas Dix a Captain Lieutenant of Artillery in the Continental Line which certificate appears to have been delivered to Lieutenant Booker.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1837

S/ Jas. E. Heath

[Note: Facts in file: the widow died October 27, 1840 survived by 2 grandchildren and one great grandchild, their names not stated. The veteran is said to have been born in January 1755.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 20, 1818, for service as a Captain Lieutenant for 7 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$400 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I certify that Thomas Dix was appointed a Lieutenant in the first Regiment Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in January or February 1777 and continued therein to the end of the War with Great Britain, having risen in the course of his service to the rank of Captain Lieutenant.

I believe he came into the Regiment from the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry where he was in the Rank of Ensign

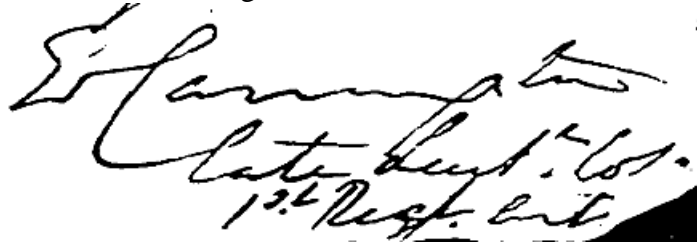
Richmond September 26, 1786

S/ E. Carrington [Edward Carrington]<sup>1</sup>

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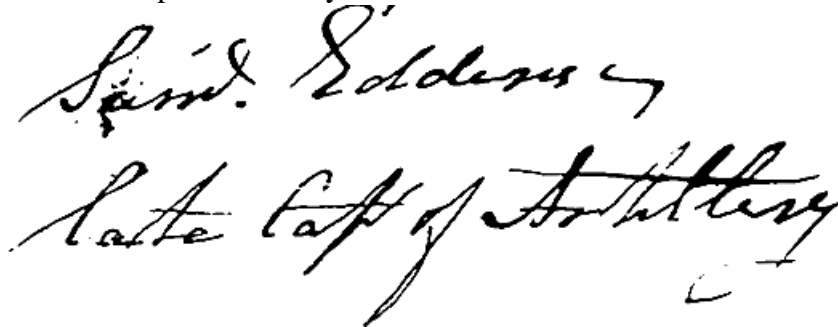
late Lieutenant Colonel  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Art.



*E. Harrison*  
late Lieut. Col.  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Art.

I Certified that Mr. Thomas Dix was doing duty in the 7<sup>th</sup> Continental Regiment in June 1776 and continued in the above Regiment until he received his appointment in the first Regiment of Artillery

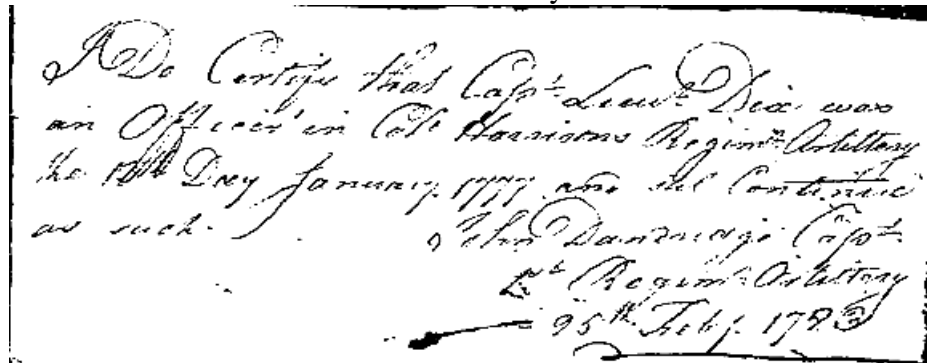
S/ Saml. Eddens<sup>2</sup>  
late Capt. of Artillery



*Saml. Eddens*  
late Capt. of Artillery

I do Certify that Captain Lieutenant Dix was and Officer in Colonel Harrison's Regiment Artillery the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777 and still continues as such.

S/ John Dandridge<sup>3</sup> Capt.  
1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Artillery  
25<sup>th</sup> February 1783



I do Certify that Capt. Lewis Dix was an Officer in Col. Harrison's Regiment Artillery the 12<sup>th</sup> Day January 1777 and still continues as such.  
John Dandridge Capt.  
1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Artillery  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1783

[there is another file under the same name which according to the index card includes an affidavit given by Lewis Booker of Essex County but the image of that document as posted online is totally illegible except for the signature of "W. Latane."]

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Eddins \(Eddens\) BLWt683-300](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA W6993