

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dickinson (Dickerson)<sup>1</sup> W7026 Catherine Dickinson f74DEL  
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The State of Indiana Franklin County: SS

Be it remembered that at the September Term of the Franklin Court in and for the County of Franklin and State of Indiana on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September A.D. 1829 before the Honorable Miles C Eggleston President Judge of said Franklin Circuit Court (it being a Court of record) for the third Judicial Circuit of the State aforesaid and the Honorable John Quick and David Mount associate Judges of the same Court in and for the County aforesaid,

And now at this day comes John Dickinson a Revolutionary soldier and petitioner for the benefit of the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and first of May 1820 and files his Declaration for a pension together with a Schedule of his property in the words & figures following to wit "Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the several subsequent thereto. On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1829 personally appeared in open court in the Franklin Circuit Court, being a Court of record in and for the said County of Franklin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit of the state of Indiana John Dickinson resident in said County aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and first of May 1820 that he the said John Dickinson about the latter end of the year 1775 or beginning of 1776 enlisted or rather entered as a volunteer in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Adam McClean in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Patton called the Delaware Blues, – that after serving about 6 months in said Corps, he enlisted in a company of cavalry or dragoons commanded by Captain John Rodolph [John Rudolph] in a Regiment (or Legion) of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] on the Continental establishment – that he served in said Corps, or Regiment, then commonly called Lees Legion in the service of the United States for two years and nine months or thereabouts, when he was discharged from service at the head of Elk [River] in the State of Maryland for he was present at and fought in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779], that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any except \_\_\_ and that he made application for a pension in 1818 but for want of being in a proper form his application was neglected. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt32232-160-55

provision of an 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” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit

Schedule

12 acres of land about one half of which is cleared, the whole broken situate in a hilly country the nearest County seat distant 12 miles, also one yoke of cattle (small) worth perhaps \$20 and an old mare worth about \$15. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property except such as were necessary for subsistence and clothing.

Sworn to and declared on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1829 before the Honorable miles C Eggleston President Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana and David Mount and John Quick associate Judges of the Franklin Circuit Court in open court.

S/ John Dickinson, X his mark

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State of Indiana Franklin County

Be it remembered that on the \_\_ day of September 1829 before me Matthew Sparks one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Franklin and State of Indiana personally came Samuel Meredith of lawful age and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that John Dickinson, now in the presence of this deponent, formerly served in the Legion of Colonel Henry Lee in the revolutionary war – the said John Dickinson is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high – fair complexion that this deponent served in the same Legion with Dickinson – this deponent was a private in Captain George Handy's company in Colonel Henry Lee's Regiment and the said John Dickinson above described was also a private.

S/ Samuel Meredith,<sup>2</sup> X his mark

The above Deponent further states that the above John Dickason [sic] served 2 years 6 months in said Henry Lee's Legion, was taken sick and went home on furlough by order of Lee, sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1829

S/ Sparks, JP

S/ Samuel Meredith, X his mark

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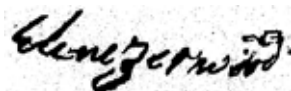
State of Ohio Butler County

Before me Reuben Blackford a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Butler in the state of Ohio personally came Ebenezer Wood<sup>3</sup> of lawful age, now a revolutionary pensioner, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that John Dickinson a man who is now in the presence of deponent served in the Regiment or Legion of Colonel Henry Lee in the revolutionary war, that the said John Dickinson is of fair complexion about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and is the identical John Dickinson now in deponents presents, that this deponent was a private in Captain Rudolph's [Michael Rudolph's] company in the same Regiment or Legion and said Dickinson served in said company.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1829

S/ Reuben Blackford

S/ Ebenezer Wood



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<sup>2</sup> FPA W9565

<sup>3</sup> FPA S40722

[p 9: On February 2, 1853 in Muscatine County Iowa, Catharine Dickerson [sic], 86, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner stating that she is the widow of John Dickerson, a revolutionary war soldier; that she married him in 1793 but cannot state the precise date; that her oldest child was born September 28, 1796; that her husband died July 9, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: In 1855, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement stating that her name prior to her marriage was Catherine Allendorf; that her husband died in Vermilion County Indiana July 9, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 18: copy of a family record:

Copy of the record of the births of the children of John and Catharine Dickerson as recorded in the family Bible in possession of the said Catharine Dickerson

Mary Dickerson was born September 28<sup>th</sup> 1796

Hannah Dickerson was born December first 1799

John Dickerson was born November first 1801

Mary Ann Dickerson was born July 31<sup>st</sup> 1803

Elizabeth Dickerson was born November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1805

Sarah Dickerson was born November 28, 1806

Catharine Dickerson was born December 16<sup>th</sup> 1810.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 15, 1829, for service as a private for 2 years and 9 months in the Delaware and Virginia Continental line.]