

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Dick W8668

Margaret Dick

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County

On this the 29th day of July 1841 personally appeared before me Josiah W. Dick a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Pulaski and State aforesaid, Margaret Dick a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of John Dick who was a private & Sergeant in the Revolution, The said John Dick was a distant relation of the declarant's and lived at the declarant's Father's, James Wiley, in Chester District in the State of South Carolina at the time he first enlisted in the service of his Country. The aforesaid John Dick enlisted for the term of fifteen months in the District of Chester South Carolina in the year the deponent thinks of 1775 or 6 and faithfully served out his fifteen months in a company commanded by Captain Brown [William Brown] and Colonel Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Regiment, while in this Service the said John Dick was marched to Charlestown and was stationed at an end the Battle of Fort Moltrie [sic, Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776]¹ and in the defense of Charlestown and there received a wound by a ball being lodged in his hip which was cut out by the Physicians and he soon recovered. After his return from this fifteen months service the Declarant was married to the said John Dick in Chester District in the State of South Carolina on the first day of March 1778 by a Magistrate by the name of Alexander Walker. They continued at the declarant's Father's for about one year after their marriage most of which time the said John Dick was out on scouts after either the British or Indians or Tories they then moved to their own house about three miles from the declarant's Father's and in a very short time after they went to housekeeping the said John Dick was called into service in the Militia and was out 4 months under Captain Bell [John Bell] and in Sumter's Regiment. And the declarant then broke up housekeeping and returned again to her father's. Shortly after her return her only Brother Samuel Wiley was shot by some Tories at her Father's door her husband was at this time in the Army. In 1780 her husband was again called into service of three or four months by Captain Bell who belonged to Sumter's Regiment, and he served out his tour of duty, in the year 1781 the said John Dick was Drafted for the term of four months and marched out under Captain Bell and Sumter's Regiment. This tour of duty was performed as a horseman and he was appointed Sergeant of the troop and was marched down below Orangeburg in the State of Georgia and there taken prisoner and was lodged by the British in Orangeburg jail where the said John Dick laid in

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

said jail for four weeks and then was exchanged. When the said John Dick was taken prisoner the British took his horse, gun and all his equipage. She further declares that her husband independent of his regular tours of duty performed, her husband was almost constantly out on scouts after the British, Indians and Tories and while in the several services the said John Dick was at the Storming of Columbia he was under Sumter in Hiwassee, at St. Mary's, at Saint Augustine and at Savannah, he was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and in the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] her husband the aforesaid John Dick died on the 19th day of November 1832 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares she knows of no record evidence of her marriage but has a record of the age of her children in her old family Bible which she will cause to be filed as evidence in support of her claim.

S/ Margaret Dick, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for the County of Pulaski and I certify that in consequence of old age and bodily infirmity the aforesaid Margaret Dick is unable to attend Court.

Given under my hand this 29th of July 1841

S/ J. W. Dick, JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Dick JP", written in black ink on a white background. The signature is enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

[pp 5-6: family record]

Sarah Dick was born November the 20th 1778

Samuel Dick was born October the 11th 1782

James Dick was born August the 31, 1784

John Dick was born October 20th 1786

Archibald Dick was born December 28th 1788

Peggy Dick was born September 21st 1795

William Dick was born April 5 1798

Nancy Dick was born June 8th 1800

Alexander Dick was born September 29th 1793

William Speary Dick was born January 22nd 1823

Alexander Dick was married Marched the 9th 1820

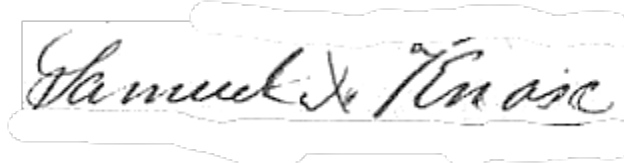
William C. Carroll Dick was born December the 19th in the year of our Lord 1820

Sarah Dick was Born Novem^r the 20th 1778
 Samuel Dick was Born Octobr the 11 1772
 James Dick was Born August the 15th 1774
 John Dick was Born October 20th 1786
 Archibald Dick was Born December 27th 1788
~~Elizabeth Dick was Born September 24th 1791~~
 Peggy Dick was Born September 21st 1795
 William Dick was Born April 5th 1798
 Nancy Dick was Born June the 9 1800
 Alexander Dick was Born September 29th 1793
 William Speary Dick was Born January 22^{the} 1823
 Alexander Dick ~~was Born~~
 was Married March the 4th 1820
 William C. Carroll Dick was Born
 December the 19th in the year of our Lord
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peace for said County and State, have carefully examined Samuel Knox,² with whom I am personally and intimately acquainted, and who is a person of probity & good character, and in all respects entitled to full credit on oath, being a person of the utmost truth & veracity. The said Samuel Knox, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes as follows:

I was well acquainted with John Dicks [sic], and served with him in the Revolutionary War. I cannot certainly state when John Dick first enlisted, but I know that he entered the Army some time before the battle of Fort Moultrie, on Sullivan's Island. I know that he was present and fought bravely at said battle. We served together there. After that battle, we were marched through Charleston, and then over the mountains after the Indians, with whom we had a pretty severe battle. John Dicks was engaged in both these battles to my knowledge. I know he served at least fifteen months. We served together in Captain Brown's company, and Colonel Sumter commanded the Regiment. I was not in the same company with John Dick, except for the fifteen months. After that time I know he was in the Army, and believe he was in the battle of the "Hanging Rock," but I cannot state the length of time he served or under what officers he did serve. Colonel Sumter was the General & Dick remained in his Army for a long time as I believe, but I cannot now remember under what Captain or Colonel he served. John Dick was as true a Liberty man as any in the South Carolina Army. He was a brave soldier I am satisfied. I do not know when he married. I cannot state the Revolutionary services of John Dicks more particularly than I have done, because if I ever did know all the particulars I have now forgotten, and am unwilling to state on oath mere impressions, when I cannot distinctly remember the facts. I do not think John Dicks was married during the fifteen months above spoken of; he must have been married after that time. Because I cannot state at what time he was married, of course I cannot say what services he performed after he was married. He may have married after the fifteen months tour, and then joined the Army, or he may have married at some other time. I cannot now state. And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Samuel Knox

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Knox". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a decorative, slightly irregular border.

[p 30: on July 29, 1841 in Pulaski County Kentucky, Samuel Dick, Sr., 58, testified in support of the application of his mother that he is the son and 2nd child of John Dick deceased & Margaret Dick the present applicant; that his father died November 19 1832; that his mother has remained a widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Dick, Sr.". The signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

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The deposition of Samuel Allen³ a resident of Pulaski County Kentucky taken to read as

² [Samuel Knox W302](#)

³ I could not find a veteran by this name who claimed a pension based on services rendered in SC. This may be the only record of his service.

evidence in favor of the application of Mrs. Margaret Dick for a pension.

Deponent being eighty-five years old deposes and saith that he has been acquainted with John Dick deceased & his widow for 40 years past and there was great intimacy between John Dick and the deponent from their first acquaintance until the death of said Dick, and the deponent has not the least doubt in his mind that the said John Dick was much engaged in the service of his Country from Chester District South Carolina during the revolution. The deponent was himself a long time with the Army and believes he belonged to the same Regiment that John Dick was then, and frequently heard of John Dick but was not personally acquainted with him until he met with him in this state (Kentucky) but the deponent and Dick has so frequently recounted over their services while in service that he thinks he cannot be mistaken as to the said Dick's performing much service in the Revolution before and after his marriage to his present widow, the deponent moved from Chester District in South Carolina when he came to this State and frequently saw some of John Dick's family shortly after the Revolution had closed. And further saith not.

S/ Samuel Allen, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$56.20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a Private in the South Carolina Militia for 16 months and 28 days.]