

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Dishman W9409                      Jane Dishman Continental                      VA Privateer  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 11 Sep 2019.

State of Kentucky    } Sct  
Warren County        }

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1851 personally appeared before me James Jenkins one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly authorised by law to administer oaths and a Justice of the County Court being a court of record Jane Dishman a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged about ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, 3<sup>d</sup> March 1843 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844 February 2<sup>d</sup> 1848 and 29<sup>th</sup> July 1848 &c That she is the widow of James Dishman who was a private in the war of the Revolution and served under Captain William Barrett [sic: William Barret VAS1781] in the Virginia State and Continental line and also in the Militia. Her husband served as she fully believes in the war from five to seven years as she heard him often relate. a part of this time he served as a light horseman a part as a footman She declares and believes that he served as a horseman three years and the ballance of the five years she cannot from loss of memory and old age particularize He was taken prisoner [4 Jun 1777] and remained so for nine months during his service in the west India Islands where the American prisoners were carried She further declares That she was married to the said James Dishman about the last day of July seventeen hundred and eighty eight by Parson Holt in Botetourt County Virginia That she was not married to him prior to his Revolutionary service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit at the time before mentioned She has no documentary evidence in suport of her claim That during the lifetime of her husband they got their house burnt and all the papers together with his discharges and having moved to the State of Tennessee and living remote from the place of his first residence she has no papers to show in suport of her claim and will rely upon the proof hereto annexed which is yet to be procured That her said husband James Dishman died on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 and that she the said Jane Dishman has remained a widow ever since the last mentioned period being that of her husband's death

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year first above written  
Jane herXmark Dishman

State of Kentucky                      }  
Simson [sic: Simpson] County        }

On this day personally appeared before me Ira M Breedlove one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid duly authorised by law to administer oaths Nancy Dishman a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged eighty eight years who being first sworn according to law makes oath as follows. I knew James Dishman at the time of the war of the Revolution. His first service was as a volunteer at the commencement of the war he and his brother lived in Virginia They were out on sea trying to take some of the British vesels but were taken themselves and carried to the West India Islands and imprisoned for six months and then exchanged and carried to Philadelphia and there delivered up. They then were out about nine months or more in service including the time of imprisoned. They then concluded to go to Kentucky but met some of their acquaintance who persued them not to go They returned to Botetourt County Virginia and made preparations to raise a crop but before they made the crop orders came for a draft. James Dishman was ordered out as the lot fell on him but rather than serve as a drafted man he went to Colonel William Washington and enlisted under captain William Barrett as a light horse-man for five years and served from 1776 [sic] to the close of the Revolution [formally on 25 Nov 1783] a period of five years in Col Washingtons Regiment of light horse. The foregoing facts came to her knowledge at the time and

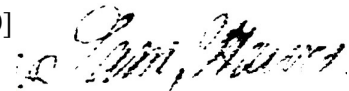
confirmed afterward by the information she received afterward to wit Jeremiah Desman [sic: Jeremiah Dishman] the other Brother from Botetourt was drafted and on account of his bad health as unable to stand hard marching he was stationed at a place low down in Virginia called Hobbs hole [at present Tappahannock in Essex County VA on Rappahannock River] to guard the sea coast and after the War this affiant and the said Jeremiah Dishman were married about the year 1782. James Dishman before mentioned came home after being discharged from his five years service and lived in the neighbourhood until the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven about the month of October of that year (1787) when he married Jane Gunn his present widow. She is enabled to fix the period of their marriage from the fact that her third child was born in 1787 and the record of the birth of the child is recorded in a book with her other children now in her possession. They were married by Parson Holt a Protestant Minister Jane Gunn lived at the house of this affiant at the time of the marriage and had been for some time before the marriage Affiant was of course present at the marriage and had a knowledge of the legality of the same They were married in Botetourt County Virginia and she has known them ever since as man and wife until the death of James Dishman which took place in 1820. The said James Dishman had some land and property at his death and prevent him from being place on the roll of Pensioners previous to his death. James Dishman served five years as before stated in one engagement, and nine months in service as a volunteer and [illegible word] She has a good recollection and could state a great deal more if necessary Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> November 1851

Nancy herXmark Dishman

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Dishman having faithfully served the term [several undeciphered words] hereby discharged. Given under my hand September 21<sup>st</sup> 178[?].

Sam Hawes Lt Colo [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450]



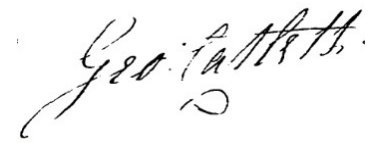
By the resolutions of Congress, either a Grigadier Gen'l. or Commanding officer at any post may discharge Soldiers [undeciphered word] Hawes commanding at Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] had a right to discharge any Soldier, even if his time had not expired, but in the case of [several undeciphered words] with Major Dick [Alexander Dick R13751], the discharge is undoubtedly good.

Feb. 28 1781

John Taylor

I Certify that James Dishman and William Dishman [R2965] enlisted as Soldiers in Capt Alexander Dicks Company of Marines some time in the year 1776

Geo Catlett Leut. [George Catlett W2524]



Caroline County to wit

This day personally appeared before me John Hopkins a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid John Dishman and made oath that James Dishman and Wm Dishman enlisted in Alexander Dicks Company of Marines in the year 1776 and that this deponent was on board the Brig Musquitoe [sic: Mosquito] Commanded by John Harriss [sic: John Harris] when the said James and Wm Dishman were taken and carried to Barbadoes Jail where they remained Eight Months and one half after which they returned and were in service.

Given under my hand & seal this 28<sup>th</sup> Nov'r 1800/ John Hopkins

Neither of these persons appear to have drawn their bounty in lands.

Larkin Ball

Reuben Brooks

Thomas Chandler

James Dishman

William Dishman

John Dishman

Daniel Dean

John Dodd

Larkin Faris

Vincent Landrum

John Landrum

Vincent Lansman

John McFarland

John Parlin

Charles Spaldin

Brutin Sullivan

Geo. Spilman [George Spilman]

Jesse Vaughan

A warrant appears to have issued to William Dollins for service during the war as a private in the state line.

A warrant appears to have issued to John Daniel for 3 years service as a Corporal in the state line.

A Warrant appears to have issued to William Thorpe for his services during the War as a private in the Continental line.

Two Warrants appear to have issued in the name of Wm Graves [William Graves], one for 3 years service as a private in the state line and another for services during the War as private in the Continental line.

Two Warrants appear to have issued in the name of William Mitchell, one for 3 years service as a Corporal, and the other for services during the War as a private in the Continental line

Two warrants appear to have issued in the name of William Moore both of which are for services rendered in the state line.

Francis Pickett appears to have drawn for the War as a drummer in the state line.

Land Office/ 9 Nov. 1810

Chas. [undeciphered] Reg[iste]r

Henrico County. towit

John Dishman this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid & made oath that the within named persons enlisted as privates under Capt. Alex Dick & Lieutenant Catlett to serve for the term of 3 years in the Continental service during the revolutionary war, & that after their said enlistment & before the expiration of their said term of enlistment they were taken prisoners by the british and that after their return from captivity the within named Jas. Dishman reenlisted to serve during the war, & served to the end thereof.

Sworn to before me this 13 Nov 1810 Dan'l Hylton

In Council Nov'r 13 1810

It is advised that James Dishman be allowed his bounty of Land for his services as a private during the war & Francis Pickett, Larkin Faris, John Landrum, John Dodd, Larkin Ball, Vincent Lansman, Jesse Vaughan, Charles Spaldin, William Dishman, Thomas Chandler, Reuben Brookes, George Spilman, John Daniel, William Moore & Dan'l Dean be allowed their land bounty for 3 years Service as privates in the Continental Army – also John Dishman is allowed his bounty of Land for 3 yr service as a private in y

Continental army – extract from the Minutes

Dan'l Hylton Clerk of ye Cty

Jno Disman [sic] enlisted & served during the war.

[undeciphered name] enlisted for 3 yrs & was captured during that term.

Larkin Farris	d'o	d'o
Jno Landrum	d'o	d'o
Jno Dodd	d'o	d'o
Larkin Ball	d'o	d'o
Vincent Lansman	d'o	d'o
Jesse Baughan	d'o	d'o
<del>Wm Graves</del>	<del>d'o</del>	<del>d'o</del>
[name lined through and undeciphered]		
Ch's Spaldin	d'o	d'o
Wm Dishman	d'o	d'o
Thos Chandler	d'o	d'o
Reuben Brookes	d'o	d'o
Geo Spilman	d'o	d'o
<del>John Daniel</del>	<del>d'o</del>	<del>d'o</del>
Jno Daniel	d'o	d'o
Wm Moore	d'o	d'o
Daniel Dean	d'o	d'o

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with papers of Dillyard, John.]

I do Certify that James Dishman enlisted May 81 for the Ware w'ch time he has faithfully servd & that he is a native of this State

Will Barret Capt [William Barret VAS1197]  
Reg't Dragoons  
Jan'y 6, 84



NOTES:

For additional details on the capture of the *Mosquito* see especially the pension application of George Catlett (W2524).

The pension file includes a copy of a bond signed in Botetourt County on 5 July 1788 by James Dishman and William Gunn for the marriage of Dishman to Jane Gunn. James Dishman and Mary J. Dishman witnessed the signature of Jane Dishman on a power of attorney.