

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Disharoon W9524
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Elizabeth Townson¹

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State of Kentucky, Edmondson County

On this 11th day of June 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Mrs. Elizabeth Townsen a resident of the County & State aforesaid (residing in the County & not in the town) aged 90 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 law of the United States passed on the 21st of July 1848 – and of all over laws passed by the Congress of the United States before or since that date granting pensions to the widows of the Soldiers of the Revolution including the Act passed July 4, 1836 and the Act explanatory of said act passed March 3, 1837 & February 3rd, 1853.

That she was married to John Disharoon who was a private in the company of Captain Litle [sic, William Lytle] (she believes his given name was William) and the Regiment of North Carolina Troops commanded by Colonel Arch Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle], in the war of the Revolution against great Britton.

That she is unable to set forth with any particularity the facts & circumstances concerning or relating to her husband's circumstances further than a have [been] related to her by him-- and of these indeed from her extreme age & the consequent failure of her memory she has the most imperfect recollection. She remembers to have heard him speak of being in an engagement at Stono. But her marriage taking place since the expiration of the last period of his service, she of coarse knows much less of his services that [sic, than] she would have had she been his wife during the war. She therefore refers to the testimony hereto annexed. She further declares that she was married to the said John Disharoon on the __ [blank in original] day of March 1780, that her husband the said John Disharoon died on or about the __ [blank in original] day of May 1782. That she was afterwards married to Light Townsen who died on the 18th day of October 1818, that she was a widow on the fourth of July 1836 and has continued a widow from the death of her said husband Light Townsend to the present day, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further states that she was married to the said John Disharoon in the County of Orange North Carolina – That she has no record or Bible evidence of her marriage – being unable both to read and write.

She further states that by reason of her extreme age and consequent infirmities she is unable to attend Court.

S/ Elizabeth Townsen, X her mark

State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clark, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry Continental Soldiers in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit:

¹ Elizabeth Townsen, former widow

John Disharoon

Book "ZZ" page 28 pay as private from 10th of November 1778 to 10th August 1779--£26 S16 D10 specie.

The following pavement was made on the affidavit of William Lytle who was a Captain and deposes "that John Disharoon was a nine months soldier in the Continental service and believes that he served this term of nine months fully." It further appears that John Disharoon lived in Orange County in said State, that he died in the year 1792 and that letters of administration of his estate were granted to Elizabeth's Disharoon his widow and relic.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto be subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this ninth day of March A.D. 1854.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

The pay of a private per month lows \$6.66 ^{2/3}/100.

S/ W. J. C. Comptr.

State of Kentucky Shelby County

Be it remembered that on this 20th day of June 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid William Long of said County and State and Aaron Long of the same, who both being sworn according to law, upon their oaths declare that they are well acquainted with Elizabeth Townsen of Edmondson County Kentucky. That they were born and raised in the same County and State – to wit the County of Orange and State of North Carolina. They know that the said Elizabeth Townsen first husband was John Disharoon. They were both present at the wedding. That the wedding took place a year or two after the commencement of the war of the revolution in the County of Orange N. C. That the said John Disharoon left his family in North Carolina some two or three years after his marriage to seek his fortune in the West, since which time they have known or seen nothing of him but it was reported and believed that the said John Disharoon was killed, hence never returned to his family, and the said Elizabeth, having moved to Shelby County Kentucky married for her second husband Light Townsen in Shelby County Kentucky. The said Light Townsen died about the year 1819 and the said Elizabeth has ever since remained and is now a widow.

William Long² states that he is himself a pensioner and was a Soldier of the Revolution. That he knows that John Disharoon was also a Soldier of the Revolution. That he entered from the same County and neighborhood in North Carolina – but were not in the same company, did not enter the Army at the same time. The said John Disharoon entered under a Captain by the name of Griffin, Griffith or Griffey in the Regiment of North Carolina troops commanded by Col. Arch Lytle while witness enlisted under Captain Dagerity and afterward was transferred to Captain Hall's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle. States that he saw the name of John Disharoon on a [illegible word, could be "order"] in the possession of Captain Lytle a Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle which was evidence sufficient to enable him to draw the amount of \$40 for the said Elizabeth Townsen the amount due her for the Services of her deceased husband. He was present when said John Disharoon joined the company, Knows his name to have been on a roll and the possession of Captain Lytle, from this and the general and uncontradicted report in the neighborhood witness, William Long, has no hesitation in saying that he was a soldier of the Revolution. He served about nine months according to affiant's information and belief time for which he entered.

Aaron Long states that he was not himself a soldier of the revolution, yet he knows that said John Disharoon entered the Army and served as stated by his brother William from knowing that he went forth, remained & returned as a soldier, and from the fact being altogether recognized and never being contradicted in the neighborhood from which John Disharoon entered the Army also States that from his information and believe the said John Disharoon served nine months and the Company &

² FPA S18953

Regiment as stated by his brother.

The said William Long that he is 92 years of age and the said Aaron Long that he is 79 years of age.

S/ William Long

S/ Aaron Long, X his mark