

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Daring R2898 Barbara Dearing VA Half Pay
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State of Virginia,

On the 24th day of July, 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Augusta, in the State aforesaid, Mary Daring, a resident of the County of Rockingham, and State of Virginia, aged fifty 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 act of Congress, passed July 4th, 1836; That she is the daughter of Henry and Barbary Daring, dec'd; and that the said Henry Daring was an Ensign in Col. Crocketts [Joseph Crockett S46377] Regt, Virginia Line, in the War of the Revolution, and was employed in the Illinois service; and that she always understood that he acted a part of the time as Captain.

She further declares that she and Margaret Daring are the only children now living of Henry Daring by Barbary Daring; but that Henry Daring had another child by Barbary Daring, named John Daring, who married, and afterwards he and his wife died, leaving Elizabeth, an only child to survive them, now the wife of Azel Glover, of the State of Ohio.

She further declares that Barbary Daring had, previous to her marriage to Henry Daring, an illegitimate son, who was called Reuben Newman, who died, as she understood, in march last. She further declares that Henry Daring & Barbary Daring, were married, as she frequently heard them say, in December, 1782; and that Henry Died, as near as she can recollect, in the Spring of 1805; and that Barbary Daring died on the 16th of March, 1837.

She further declares that Jacob Newman, administrator of Henry Daring, decd. received from the general government, a sum of money, being as she understood, the half pay to which her father Henry Daring was entitled, on account of his Revolutionary services; and which will appear by a reference to the papers filed in the War Department, by said Newman Mary herXmark Daring

Virginia, Augusta County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace, for the County aforesaid, Smith Thompson [S38438], who made oath that he knew Henry Daring, who was an Ensign in Col. Crockett's Reg't., Virginia Line, in the War of the Revolution; and that the said Henry Daring served more than two years, in the war of the Revolution; and that, to his personal knowledge, he was in the service till November, 1783, the close of the war, when the Army was disbanded. Given under my hand, this 29th day of July, 1839.

State of Virginia, Augusta County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Peter Heiskell, who made oath that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Henry Daring, who was an Ensign in Col. Crockett's Rgt, Virginia State Line, in the War of the Revolution; that he had frequently slept in the same bed with him, and that he saw him often in his regimentals, and marching. And that he, Daring, was in the service to the disbanding of the army, and that he knew him distinctly to be in service, till all was over, and that he was a married man at the time. Given under my hand, this 2nd day of August, 1839.

Henry Daring is entitled to the proportion of land allowed an Ensign in Colonel Crocketts Regiment in the service of this State for the war.

Council chamber Sam Coleman

November 1790/ Beverley Randolph [Governor]

A warrant for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres issued the 27th day of November 1790 to the said Henry Daring (No 4507)

a Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office: as Witness my hand & seal of Office hereto
affixed at Richmond this 4th Nov'r 1839./ S. H. Parker Reg. L Office

Augusta County, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Smith Thompson, who made oath that he saw Henry Daring, in actual service, in the Summer of 1783, in the County of New Kent, in Virginia, at a Ferry, on the Pamunkey [sic: Pamunkey] River; that he saw him afterwards marching, then going towards Richmond, in Virginia. That he is clear and positive as to his seeing Daring in service at the time and place he has stated. That he shaved, and dressed Daring's hair at that place. That he (Thompson), being a Barber and Hair Dresser, often shaved the officers and dressed their hair. That he had seen Daring at different times during the Revolutionary War; that he was a man of a good deal of humour, and was very fond of cracking jokes. That Henry Daring was at that time, he thinks, a Lieutenant, or called Lieutenant Daring. That the Daring he saw, and shaved, and dressed his hair, was the same Daring, who was an officer in Crockett's Regiment. Given under my hand, this 17th day of December, 1839.

To the Twenty sixth Congress of the United States [1839 -1841]

Your petitioners, Margaret Daring and Mary Daring, who are the children and heirs of Barbara Daring, who was the widow of Henry Daring an Ensign in the regiment of the Virginia state line, commanded by Colo Crockett, in the war of the revolution represent that they are entitled to a pension in right of their deceased father and mother under the laws of Congress, which has been denied them at the Pension Office, upon the assumed ground that the evidence presented is not such as the laws contemplate. The petitioners believe the evidence by them exhibited, if not sufficient to satisfy every technical requirement, is, nevertheless, all sufficient to convince any enlightened & unbiased judgment, of the justice of their claim, they therefore, pray your Honorable body to take the subject under consideration & to accord the pension so justly due to them. And they will ever pray &c. Margaret Daring & Mary Daring By their agent

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

I Certify that Henery Daring served as an Ensign in the Western Battalion under my Command from the eight of Nov'r 1779 until the 21st Dec'r 1781 at which time the Reg't. or soldiery thereof) was Discharged agreeable To law. Said Daring continuing to hold his Commission until the end of the war. given under my hand at Richmond the 18th Nov'r 1790 Joseph Crockett Lt. Colo Com[mandan]t. WB

[From [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com.](#) This file contains some papers pertaining to Isaac Browning R12796.]

State of Virginia } This day personally appeared Thomas Hudson [W7832] before [illegible]
Shenandoah County to wit } Rinker a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid who states
on oath that he was acquainted with Henry Dearing who served with him as Ensign in Capt Tiptons
[Abraham Tipton R18512] company in Colo Crockets Rigiment in the revolutionary war in the year 1779,
80 and part of the year 1781 and that he the said Hudson was well acquainted with said Dearing after the
war when living in Woodstock in this County who then and there followed the Occupation of a sadler and
who married A Certain Woman by the name of Barbara Hatman. Said Hudson further states that he served
with said Dearing at the Albemarle Barracks the first winter and then they were moved to Frederick Town
in the State of Maryland. from thence the Regiment was marched to Kentucky. I being sick at this time &
did not march with the Regiment and did not see said Dearing any more untill after the war when he
returned to Woodstock Sworn and Subscribed on the 21st day of September in the year 1833

Thomas Hudson

A Board of Officers, Ordered to sit by Gen'l Geo. Rogers Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] to examine into the claims of the Officers of Colo Crockett's Regiment respecting their ranks.

Col John Montgomery [R16522] President

Major Thos Quirk [Thomas Quirk, W5958] } Members {Capt. Brashears [Richard Brashears R12756]

Capt Ro. George [Robert George, R14396] } {Capt J Girault [John Gerault]

after examining the claims of all the officers of said regiment, and their certificates from Col.

Crockett, and being informed that the regiment never consisted of more than six Captains, mustered and doing duty – the board are of opinion that the said Regiment should be continued full to that number by promotion of the Officers, now Commissioned & upon examination find that the Officers are intitled to the following promotions. Vizt

Ensign Moore [Peter Moore W25716] to a lieutenancy the 1st of July 1780 by the promotion of Lieut Kerney [John Kerney R15613] to Captain

Ens McGavock [Hugh McGavock S16948] to a lieutenancy the 15th Aug't 1780 by the resignation of Lieut Magill.

Lieut Glenn [Bernard Glenn R14477] to a Captain the 13th Oct'r 1780 by the death of Captain Kenley [Benjamin Kinley, possibly BLWt2457-200].

Ensign Walls [Thomas Walls R18784] to a Lieutenant the 13th Oct 1780 by the promotion of Lieutenant Glenn

Ensign Bullock [Rice Bullock R12822] to a lieutenant the 11th January 1781 by lieut Daniel Anderson's [S37677] dismissal.

Lieut. Browning [Isaac Browning R12796] to a Captain the 2^d Sep'r 1781 by the death of Capt Chapman [John Chapman R13115; see endnote].

Lieut Moore to a Captain 2nd Sept'r 1781 by the death of Capt Tipton [Abraham Tipton R18512].

Ensign Daring to a lieutenant 2^d Sept'r 1781 by the promotion of Lieut Browning

Ensign Green [Samuel Ball Green R14649] to a Lieut. the 2^d Sept'r 1781 by the promotion of Lieut. Moore

Jno. Montgomery Pres't./ G. R. Clarke [sic] B.G.

In Council April 4 1782/ Referred to the Commissioner of War/ Benj Harrison.

[Copy certified by James E. Heath Auditor of Public Accounts.]

Virginia Shenandoah County Ss

This day [21 Sep 1833] personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Catharine Miller who being sworn says she knew Henry Dearing who was a sadler by trade that she was well acquainted with him having lived next door neighbour to him in the town of Woodstock for some time That the said Henry Dearing was married in the said town of to Barbara Hackman and that the said Dearing had several Children by his said wife viz. John Dearing the eldest Mary Dearing and Margaret Dearing and that when they removed from Woodstock these were the only Children, that said Henry Dearing left Woostock more than thirty years ago and I was informed moved to the County of Rockingham where I also understood he died Catharine herXmark Miller

Virginia Shenandoah County

This day [21 Sep 1833] personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Reuben Newman who being sworn says that he was well acquainted with Henry Dearing commonly called Capt Dearing but who was as he understood only an ensign in commission That he was generally reported to have been an officer in the revolutionary war, that he knew the said Dearing while he lived in the town of woodstock Shenandoah County Virginia That he knows he is the identical Henry Dearing that afterwards removed to the County of Rockingham. That he there knew him untill he died which was sometime in the fall of the year 1805 and at that time he left the following Children John Dearing who died in the late war having as I understood a Daughter named Eliza who is married - Mary Dearing and Margaret Dearing who are still living and they are the only Children now living. That the said

Barbara Dearing after the death of her husband married one John Boyers who are both still living in the County of Rockingham. I understand that the Daughter of John Dearing lives in the State of Ohio in the town of Portsmouth. Mary Dearing and Margaret Dearing the other Children and heirs are now living near mount Crawford in the County of Rockingham Va Reuben Newman

Augusta County Virginia to wit

This day [19 Oct 1833] personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County, Peter Heiskill of lawful age and made oath to the following facts,

That he this affiant while a boy in the town of Winchester Virginia was well acquainted with Henry Daring then of said Town, that he and the said Daring were boys together, residing in said Town – that they grew up together to be young men and were intimate companions, – that the said Daring enlisted in the United States army as an Ensign and served in that office in said army to the end of the war That this affiant saw said Daring often in Winchester during the time he was in the army & was much in his company That after the War was over this affiant was well acquainted with said Daring and saw him often. That said Daring lived for many years after the War, in the town of Woodstock Shenandoah County Virginia pursuing the trade of saddler where this affiant often saw him. That this affiant knew well the relatives of the said Daring in Winchester. That he well remembers that the following Officers belonging to the US army were in Winchester frequently about the time said Daring was there as an Officer viz. Capt Tipton and Langlund [possibly Jonathan Langdon] – Denton L McGaffick whose grades of office are not remembered and further this affiant sayeth not. P. Heiskel

State of Virginia } On this 5th day of February in the year one thousand eight Hundred and
Wythe County to wit } thirty four personally appeared before me W. H Speller a Justice of the
peace in and for the county off Wythe aforesaid Hugh McGavock a resident of said County of Withe [sic]
who entered the service in the war of the revolution as an officer in Colonel Joseph Crocketts regiment of
the Virginia State line and whose claim for half pay for services as Lieutenant in said Regiment has been
allowed and paid at the Treasury Department under the Act of Congress of the 5th July 1832 and made
oath that he was well acquainted with a certain Henry Daring who was an Ensign in Captain Abraham
Tiptons Company in said colonel Joseph Crocketts Regiment. Captain Tiptons Company joined Col.
Crocketts Regiment at the Barracks in the County of Albemarle, he thinks early in the year 1780, that said
Daring served as Ensign in said Company from the time he said McGavock first met with him in
Albemarle County untill after the close of the Revolutionary war and the said Regiment was disbanded,
that he understood while in service that said Daring was a sadler by trade, his belief that he was a sadler
has since been confirmed by said Daring having sent him a saddle made by himself as he was informed in
past payment of a Debt owing by said Daring to this affiant. The last time he and Daring was at fort
Chissill [sic: Fort Chiswell] now in Wyther County then in Mongomrey [sic: Montgomery County] He
was allways understood that said Daring a part or perhaps the whole of the time since he parted with him
as above stated till his death lived in a small town between Stauntown [sic: Staunton] and Winchester (he
thinks Woodstock) in this state and in the County of Rockingham first for some years in Woodstock and
then in the County of Rockingham. He thinks said Daring was a man in stature about five feet ten inches
or ten and a half inches high and weighing about one hundred and sixty or sixty five. he had dark hair and
a tolerably fair complexion as well as he now recollects Hugh McGavock

This day [18 Feb 1834] personally appeared before the undersigned Abraham Smith a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia, John Miller aged Sixty six who being duly sworn deposed and saith – when this affiant was a boy about fourteen or fifteen years of age, he resided in Woodstock Shenandoah County Virginia and went to the barracks in albermarle County Virginia on business and carried a sword to Henry Daring who was an officer and stationed at the Albermarle Barracks The sword had been left at Woodstock for the purpose of having a new scabbard made and was carried and delivered to Henry Daring himself by the affiant This affiant was well acquainted with Capt Abraham

Tipton in Shanandoah County before he entered the army, who was stationed at the Barracks and had the command of the Company to which Daring belonged and this affiant saw Capt Tipton at the same time he carried the sword. This affiant has always understood that Capt Tipton was afterwards killed, on some of the Western waters in an expedition against the Indians. After the war said Daring returned to Woodstock and lived at that place for a number of years engaged in his occupation as a saddler where this affiant was intimately acquainted with him the said Daring removed to Rockingham County Virginia where he continued to reside until the time of his death and this affiant frequently saw him after his removal to Rockingham. The said Daring was about five feet ten inches in height and weighed perhaps one hundred and sixty or sixty five, had dark hair and a fair complexion as well as this affiant can recollect his person. The said Daring came from Winchester Va to Woodstock and after the war was married to Barbara Hockman of Shanandoah County who now resides in Rockingham County and is married to John Boyer. This affiant has been well acquainted with said Barbara Boyer since he was a small boy and he knows well that the said Daring never resided out of Shenandoah and Rockingham Counties after the close of the Revolutionary war.

John Miller

NOTES:

A document in the federal file certifies that a bond for the marriage of Henry Daring to Barbary Hockman was issued in Shenandoah County VA on 5 Dec 1782.

Captains John Chapman and Abraham Tipton were killed in a skirmish with Indians at the Falls of Ohio at present Louisville KY on 2 Sep 1781. Lt. Hugh McGavock escaped.

On 29 Aug 1833 Jacob Newman of Staunton VA wrote as follows:

In the year 1805 Capt Henry Dearing who was Lieut. & Capt. of the Virginia State Line during the Revolutionary War, died in Rockingham County, Virginia, leaving a Widow, Barbara, who has since intermarried with John Bowyer, and three children, viz John, Mary and Margaret Dearing. John Dearing removed to Ohio and died, leaving a daughter Elizabeth: the other heirs reside in Rockingham, Va. at present. It appears that Capt Dearing was entitled to Bounty-Land on account of his revolutionary services. Very recently a Mr. Ward of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia, called on Bowyer and Mary and Margaret Dearing, and obtained a power of attorney from them. This power of attorney was executed by these persons in entire ignorance of their rights, they being illiterate persons, and misled by representations made by Ward, which they believe to be unfounded. I am not well informed on the subject of this claim. I am not advised whether a Warrant was ever obtained by Capt Dearing for his Bounty-Land but I presume a Warrant has issued from the Virginia Land Office, either formerly or recently, and Mr. Ward's object is to procure scrip for it agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Congress passed May 30th 1830 – and the object of the Power of Attorney which he obtained him to sell the scrip. He has gone to Ohio to get a similar power from the heir of John Dearing as is supposed. The power of Attorney procured from the heirs in Rockingham County Va. was obtained by misrepresenting the amount to which Capt Dearing's representatives were entitled as is believed, and by misrepresenting the character in which the agent himself acted, making the impression upon those persons that he was an officer of the government, and authorised to attend to such claims. He agreed to let the heirs have the half of what he recovered, but whether he is a responsible person, and even the half of what he may recover would be safe in his hands is unknown to these heirs, he being an entire stranger to them. They will forthwith execute a Power of Attorney to some other person, the legal effect of which will be to revoke the agency of Mr. Ward. The object of this communication is to respectfully solicit you, if not inconsistent with your official duties, to withhold the issue of any scrip, or the delivery of it to Mr. Ward, or other person in whose name his power may be drawn, until the subject can be better understood by these heirs, and their rights enquired into by their more intelligent friends.

On 5 Sep 1833 Jacob Points of Staunton VA wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury in part: "There was a power of attorney granted (as the Grantors believed) to a certain Daniel Ward of Culpepper county, Virginia, by the same heirs, to enable him to collect what might be due them – but with entire ignorance of the extent of what was due them, as an affidavit, which I also herewith enclose, will show satisfactorily.

Besides to day I learned that a person by the name of Green has recently presented a power of attorney from the said heirs for the same purpose. Now as I know that they never granted but one power of attorney besides the one to me, and as it is known that the said Ward in an agent or partner of the said Green, it is fair to presume that the power got by Ward was fraudulently obtained in Green's name."

A letter to the Commissioner of Pensions dated Oct 1839 from David Points of Staunton includes the following: "The half-pay due Henry Daring was, in the first place, drawn by Charles James Faulkner of the County of Berkeley, in the State of Virginia, to whom a power of attorney was executed by fictitious claimants of the County of Monongalia, Va. and the administrator of the true Daring, who was Jacob Newman, afterwards presented the claim at the Treasury Department, when he was told that Mr Faulkner had already drawn the half pay."

On 27 June 1839 Margaret Daring and Mary Daring assigned power of attorney to James Points of Augusta County. On 10 July 1839 Azel and Elizabeth B. Glover made a similar assignment of power of attorney.

On 7 Jan 1842 Allan C. Bryan of Harrisonburg VA, wrote that Jacob Newman after recovering "a considerable sum of money... as half-pay of Dearing" had "proved insolvent & left the state of Virginia" and that the court had replaced Newman with himself as administrator *de bonis non* of Henry Daring.