

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Dobkins S3305 VA
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State of Tennessee } Be it remembered that this being the 15th of September 1832
Claibourne [sic: Claiborne] County } personally appeared before me John Hurst one of the acting
Justices of the Court of please and quarter Sessions the same being a court of Record held for said county
Jacob Dobkins aged 81 years who being first duely sworn a cording to law doth on his oath make the
following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

He states that he has not attended any Court of Justice in Fifteen years last past and that he is
verry infirme a decript and about fifteen years ago he met with the missfortune of haveing his shoulder
and coller bone broke which has greatly disabled him from geting about he also states that he is much
afflicted with the phreumatick paines

He also states that he entered the servis of the United States under the following named officers
and served as herein stated That in the year 1779 and in the month of may in said year he resided in
Kentucky at Harrods Burgh [sic: Harrodsburg] where he enlisted in the servis of his Country under Capt
Todd which said company was attached to the Troop commanded by Colonel [John] Bowman shortly
afterwards marched to the chilicotha Towns [sic: Old Chillicothe in Ohio, late May 1779] against the
Indians and the company to wich this applicant belonged to commanded by Capt Todd was left to guard
the fort at Harrodsburgh where we Remained untill the Spring 1780 and this applicant states that he was
then transferd to a company commanded by Capt McGarry [Hugh McGary] and we marched to the
Shawnees Spring [sic: Shawnee Springs] where we built a fort and after wards the company which this
applicant belonged to was ordered to march to the falls of the Ohio [present Louisville KY] with the
View of garding the artillary up the River which we a cordingly did and joined the Troops commanded by
General [George Rogers] Clark some time in the month of July in the year 1780 we were then ordered by
General Clark to march up the River with a view to kill provisions for the army we a cordingly marched
up the River to the mouth of the Kentucky River whee we attempted to cross the River to join the main
army who were campt on the other side of the River the indians made an attack upon us and in the
Engagement we lost Ten of our men we then marched up the River to Cinsanatti [sic: Cincinnati] where
we joind the Troops commanded by Colonel Logam [sic: Benjamin Logan] We there Built a block
House and stationed a guard and the hole of the balance of the army marched to the Chilecotha Towns
and the Indians evacuated the Towns and would not give us batle We then pursued them to the Pickaway
[Piqua] Towns where we arived in the month of august in said year we there found the Indians collected
to gather and we had a verry sever battle [8 Aug 1780] which lasted about three Hours and a half we
killed a considerable number of them and I think our loss was about 28 men This applicant states hat he
did not Receve any wounds in the battle but that here was serveral bullet holes through his clothes and
applicant states that he Hole of the army then marched back to Cincinatta and the company to which I
belonged marched back to the Shawnes Springs where this applicant was stationed untill the month of
august 1781 and dureing which time we had no general Engagements but a great portion of our time was
spent in skirmishing parties through the country Said applicant states that he did actually did serve in the
army of the united States puting the hole to gather more than Two years applicant states that he does not
remember that he ever did Receive a discharge and if he did he has lost or misslaid it so that he cannot
produce it he states that he has no dockamentary evidence of his servises nor does he now of any liveing
Testimony by whome he can prove his servises he herby relinquishes every claim to a pention or an
annuity except the presant and declares that his name is not on the Pention Roll of any agency of any
state what so ever

