

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah Dawson R2778 Nancy Agnes Dawson VA
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State of Kentucky } SS.
County of Hart }

On this 5th day of June A.D. 1851, Before me Ransom A Dawson a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State abovementioned, personally appeared Nancy A. Dawson a resident of Hart County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration – to wit — That she was born in Hanover County Virginia on the 6th day of October A.D. 1765. That she was married to Jeremiah Dawson, in Bedford County Virginia, in the month of March AD (1788) Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Eight. That said marriage was solemnized by one Jerry Hatcher a Baptist Minister, and that her said husband died in Hart County Ky on the 28th day of February AD (1840) Eighteen Hundred and Forty Six. Leaving the following his only living children to wit, John W. Dawson aged 62 years, Thomas T. Dawson 60 years, Ransom A. Dawson 43 years – Elizabeth Combes aged 47 years, Nancy Bosdick aged 52 years and Susan Rader aged 54 years. She also states that her name before her said marriage was Nancy A Dollard. She remembers certainly that she was married in the month of March, but does not remember certainly whether the year was 1787 or 1788. She also swears that her said husband Jeremiah Dawson departed this life in the (84) Eighty Fourth year of his age.

She also states that the said Jeremiah Dawson, served in the war of the Revolution That he volunteered and went into the army in Bedford County, Virginia, under Captain Watkins. That he fought in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] under Captain Watkins and General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. That Colonel [William] Washington was the Colonel of the light horse at the same time and place. That her said husband was afterwards stationed as a Guard at New London [now in Campbell County] Va and she knows of herself that he was in the service at least seven months if not longer. She also states that she is still a widow, and that neither her late husband nor herself have ever received a pension, and are not now on any pension roll in the United States. She makes the above declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension to which she is entitled on account of the military services of her late husband Jeremiah Dawson, deceased as aforesaid Nancy HerXmark A. Dawson

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On this 17th day of December 1855 John Gaddie personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law states that he was born and raised in the County of Bedford in the state of Virginia, and that he lived within a distance of Four miles from where Jeremiah Dawson lived in said county last aforesaid and that he was personally and intimately acquainted with said Jeremiah Dawson until he was grown and married in the state of virginia, and afterwards knew him well and lived in the County of Hart in the state of Kentucky within a few miles of him for many years and until the death of the said Jeremiah Dawson. The said John Gaddie further states that he knows that said Jeremiah Dawson Volunteered and went into the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war under Captain Charles Wadkins [Charles Watkins] and William Milam first Lieutenant in Colonel Charles Lynch's [sic: Charles Lynch's] regiment, he states that his best recollectgion at present is that, Nathaniel Rountree [sic: Nathaniel Roundtree, pension application S31340], John Canady [John Cannaday], Benjamin Milam, George Gaddie, George Reicker [George Rucker?], and John Reynolds went into the service at the same time with Jeremiah Dawson and that they all served a tour of six months in said war. he further states that he was not in the service himself but lived in the neighbourhood as before stated and knew well when the Volunteers herein before named went into the service and saw and talked with Jeremiah Dawson in a few days after his return from said Tour of service he thinks it was in the year 1781. [signed] John Gaddie

NOTES:

In Nov 1825 (date unclear) Joshua Crump (pension application S30352) certified that he knew Jeremiah Dawson when he served at New London. Crump stated that Dawson “has made application to be placed on the Pension roll of the United States,” but no application by him is in the file. On 6 June 1851 Daniel Morris (W12494) certified that Dawson had served with him at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

The file includes a copy of the minister’s return transcribed as follows: “This is to certify Jeremiah Dawson was married to Agness Dollard on the 28th March 1788 by me. Jeremiah Hatcher.” On 16 Feb 1855 Ransom A. Dawson assigned power of attorney to obtain any available benefits.