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Pension application of David Dobbins S1805

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State of Tennessee Maury County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 11th day of September, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, David Dobbins, a resident of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee, aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a volunteer, for three months, in the year 1775, in Rowan County, North Carolina, under George Cowan as Captain for Colonel Locke, and General Rutherford, marched into South Carolina, and was then an engagement with the Indians upon Saluda River in South Carolina. In 1776 he again volunteered for another tour of three months under Captain William Bell, Colonel Locke & General Rutherford, marched against the Cherokee Indians, to the Cowee & Overhill Towns. In the latter part of the same year, or the first of the next, he again volunteered under the same officers against the Tories & marched to Fayetteville North Carolina --. He next volunteered for a tour of nine months, in the year 1778 under Captain John Armstrong, Colonel Thaxton [sic, Colonel James Thackston] and Brigadier General Sumner; he was first Sergeant in his company in this tour. He marched into South Carolina and joined the Army of General Lincoln, laid during the winter at Petersburg on the Savannah River, from thence marched to Augusta, thence to Charleston, spent most of the summer at Stono ferry, and was in the battle of Stono ferry, fought by General Lincoln, commander of the Americans & British. He next volunteered for a tour of three months in 1779 under Captain Richmond Simmons and \_\_ Marlborough (a Frenchman) [probably Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)] Colonel marched to Charleston & there remained until the night before the British blockaded the place. He next volunteered for a tour of 10 months under Captain Black Bill Alexander, Colonel Wade Hampton and joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in South Carolina, he was Lieutenant in his company, for which he received a commission from the State of South Carolina -- he marched through different parts of South Carolina and was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs fought between General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Lord Rawdon. He was also while engaged in short tours in the battle of Ramsour's Mills, on the Catawba River between the Whigs and Tories, the former commanded by Colonel Locke and the latter by Colonel Moore. He was also in the battle at Gholston on the Yadkin River, commanded by General Will Davidson [sic, William Lee Davidson] and Colonel Locke. He received a written discharge from Captain John Armstrong for his nine months tour, but it, his commission above spoken of in all other papers connected with

his service were destroyed by the burning of his house in North Carolina before he removed to this State. He was born the 6th of May 1758 in Rowan County North Carolina; he has resided in that State until he removed to the state of Tennessee. Since the Revolutionary War; he removed to this state in 1796 -- & has lived in this County about 26 years.

He is able to prove his services, and many of the facts by Major Daniel Carter,<sup>1</sup> of Williamson County of this State & Matthew Wallace<sup>2</sup> of Bedford County of this state, who served with him in the 10 months service, and who will testify their belief of his statements, as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that he is name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas J. Porter, Clerk

S/ David Dobbins

We, Daniel Carter aged 73 years and Matthew Wallace aged 70 years the former residing in Williamson County Tennessee in the latter residing in Bedford County Tennessee hereby certify that we are well acquainted with David Dobbins, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration: that we believe him to be 74 years of age; that we knew him in the Revolutionary war, and served with him in the tour of 10 months as stated by him in his declaration; known him as such, we have always believed him to be a soldier of the Revolution, & that he has always been reputed as such. We further state that we knew him to have served as stated in relation to said 10 month tour.

S/ Daniel Carter

S/ MatthewWallis

Sworn & subscribed this day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas J. Porter, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Daniel Carter S3126](#)

<sup>2</sup> Sic, Matthew Wallis FPA W1519