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Pension Application of James Dishman W9409

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Warren County }

On this 6th day of November in the year 1851 personally appeared before me James Jenkins one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly authorised by law to administer oaths and a Justice of the County Court being a court of record Jane Dishman a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged about ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 7th July 1838, 3^d March 1843 17th June 1844 February 2^d 1848 and 29th July 1848 &c That she is the widow of James Dishman who was a private in the war of the Revolution and served under Captain William Barrett in the Virginia State and Continental line and also in the Militia. Her husband served as she fully believes in the war from five to seven years as she heard him often relate. a part of this time he served as a light horseman a part as a footman She declares and believes that he served as a horseman three years and the ballance of the five years she cannot from loss of memory and old age particularize He was taken prisoner and remained so for nine months during his service in the west India Islands where the American prisoners were carried [see endnote]

She further declares That she was married to the said James Dishman about the last day of July seventeen hundred and eighty eight by Parson Holt in Botetourt County Virginia That she was not married to him prior to his Revolutionary service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit at the time before mentioned She has no documentary evidence in suport of her claim That during the lifetime of her husband they got their house burnt and all the papers together with his discharges and having moved to the State of Tennessee and living remote from the place of his first residence she has no papers to show in suport of her claim and will rely upon the proof hereto annexed which is yet to be procured That her said husband James Dishman died on the 16th day of October 1820 and that she the said Jane Dishman has remained a widow ever since the last mentioned period being that of her husband's death

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year first above written

Jane herXmark Dishman

State of Kentucky }

Simson [sic: Simpson] County }

On this day personally appeared before me Ira M Breedlove one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid duly authorised by law to administer oaths Nancy Dishman a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged eighty eight years who being first sworn according to law makes oath as follows. I knew James Dishman at the time of the war of the Revolution. His first service was as a volunteer at the commencement of the war he and his brother lived in Virginia They were out on sea trying to take some of the British vesels but were taken themselves and carried to the West India Islands and imprisoned for six months and then exchanged and carried to Philadelphia and there delivered up. They then were out about nine months or more in service including the time of imprisoned. They then concluded to go to Kentucky but met some of their acquaintance who persuaded them not to go They returned to Botetourt County Virginia and made preparations to raise a crop but before they made the crop orders came for a draft. James Dishman was ordered out as the lot fell on him but rather than serve as a drafted man he went to Colonel William Washington and enlisted under captain William Barrett as a light horse-man for five years and served from 1776 [sic] to the close of the Revolution [formally on 25 Nov 1783] a period of five years in Col Washingtons Regiment of light

horse. The foregoing facts came to her knowledge at the time and confirmed afterward by the information she received afterward to wit Jeremiah Desman [sic: Jeremiah Dishman] the other Brother from Botetourt was drafted and on account of his bad health as unable to stand hard marching he was stationed at a place low down in Virginia called Hobbs hole [sic: Hobbs Hole at present Tappahannock in Essex County VA on Rappahannock River] to guard the sea coast and after the War this affiant and the said Jeremiah Dishman were married about the year 1782. James Dishman before mentioned came home after being discharged from his five years service and lived in the neighbourhood until the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven about the month of October of that year (1787) when he married Jane Gunn his present widow. She is enabled to fix the period of their marriage from the fact that her third child was born in 1787 and the record of the birth of the child is recorded in a book with her other children now in her possession. They were married by Parson Holt a Protestant Minister Jane Gunn lived at the house of this affiant at the time of the marriage and had been for some time before the marriage Affiant was of course present at the marriage and had a knowledge of the legality of the same They were married in Botetourt County Virginia and she has known them ever since as man and wife until the death of James Dishman which took place in 1820. The said James Dishman had some land and property at his death and prevent him from being place on the roll of Pensioners previous to his death. James Dishman served five years as before stated in one engagement, and nine months in service as a volunteer and [illegible word] She has a good recollection and could state a great deal more if necessary Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th November 1851
Nancy herXmark Dishman

NOTES:

James Dishman, as well as his brothers John Dishman and William Dishman (pension application R2965), were said to have been among the marines on board the *Mosquito* when they were captured on 4 June 1777 and taken to the West Indies. For additional details see especially the pension application of George Catlett (W2524).

The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Botetourt County on 5 July 1788 by James Dishman and William Gunn for the marriage of Dishman to Jane Gunn. James Dishman and Mary J. Dishman witnessed the signature of Jane Dishman on a power of attorney.