Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Dicks \$16762 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

> Lunenburg County \ S.S. State of Virginia

On this 11 day of August 1834 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record before David Street Joel Blackwell Hanie Hatcher & Joel Blackwell Jr in the Court of Lunenburg County now sitting John Dicks a resident of said County of Lunenburg aforesaid and the State of Virginia, aged nearly seventy three years, who being first 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 the 7th 1832

that he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the latter part of June or the 1st of July 1780 he was drafted and entered the service of the United States as a private soldier and marched from the County of Lunenburg aforesaid, and marched under the command of Capt Sylvanus Walker, Samuel Jordan Lieutenant, William Pamplin Ensign to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N. C. where he was attached to the first Regiment Virg'a Malitia, commanded by Colo. Holt Richardson, Lieutenant Colo. John Glenn, and Major [William] Boyce of General [Horatio] Gates's army, that he then & there served a tour of three months duty, and was honorably discharged by Holt Richardson aforesaid, that the said discharge has been either lost or mislaid. That in the latter part of the year 1780 or 1781 he was drafted again to serve another tour of duty and marched from the said County of Lunenburg under the command of Capt. Harris Tomlinson and Lieutenant Nicholas Williams to the city of Williamsburg Virginia where he joined head quarters and was under the command of General [Robert] Lawson Colo. Randolp [sic: Beverley Randolph] and Major [John] Holcomb and after serving a tour of three months duty he received an honorable discharge but cannot certainly recollect the name of the officer who signed it which discharge has also been lost or mislaid that he has no documentary evidence in his possession, but expects he can obtain a few certificates from credible persons who knew him in the Revolution to corroborate this declaration.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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- 1. Where and in what year were you born?
 - Ans. I was bon in the County of Lunenburg in the year 1761 as I have been always told
- Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
- Ans I have none
- Where were you living when you were called into service, and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? Ans I lived in the County of Lunenburg & State of Virginia, and have generally lived in the said County & State since the Revolution, where I still live
- How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?
 - I was drafted in both cases as I have already declared
- State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances
 - Ans I can give no better answer to this question than is set forth in my declaration above
- Did you ever received a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?
 - I have already stated that I received two discharges one given by Holt Richardson the other by an officer whose name I think was Beverly Randolph and that both were lost or mislaid

Lunenburg County Sect.

This is to certify that I have been well acquainted with John Dick from my infancy and know that he was drafted and entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the Revolution in June or July 1780 and marched from Lunenburg County Va under command of Capt. Sylvanus Walker, Sam'l. Jordan Lieutenant & Wm Pamplin Ensign to Hillsboro N.C. where he was attached to the 1st Regiment Va. militia Commanded by Colo. Holt Richardson Lieutenant Colo. John Glenn and Major Boyce, and that I saw him on his return home at Newsoms Springs on James River [?] after he had served another tour of duty as a private soldier which was a short time before Lord Corn Wallace surrendered at Yorktown [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]. Given under my hand this 5th day of September 1834 [signed] Carrington Garrett

NOTE: On 13 Nov 1832 Dicks made an application that omits the interrogatories above but states that his age was 72 years, two months, and a few days.