

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Dawson S34733

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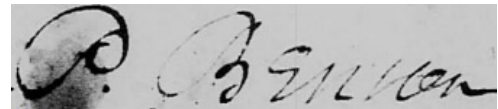
State of Maryland }

County to wit } I hereby certify, that on this thirtieth day of April in the year 1818, at the County afs'd. [sic] Joseph Dawson of Talbot County, in the second Judicial District of Maryland, (who appears from the evidence laid before me to have been a private soldier in the Company of Captain Perry Benson of the fifth Maryland Regiment in the war of the Revolution and to have served to the end of the said War) personally appeared before me, the subscriber Chief Judge of the second Judicial District of Maryland and made under Oath before me the following Declaration, to wit, that He enlisted on the fifteenth day of february, in the year 1777 in the Company of Captain James Henry of the fifth Maryland Regiment and served under him in the continental establishment until he the said James Henry resigned in 1778. He the said Joseph Dawson then served as a soldier in the Company of Captain George Hambleton [sic: George Hamilton] of the fifth Maryland Regiment afs'd. until the defeat of General [Horatio] Gates [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. His Captain was then taken Prisoner, and He the affiant Joseph Dawson was put under the Command of Perry Benson, then Captain but now General Benson and served under him till the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] at which time, he the deponent was wounded taken Prisoner and retained as a Prisoner by the Enemy to the end of the revolutionary War afs'd. and further that He, now by reason of his reduced circumstances stands in need of assistance from his Country for a support

I do hereby Certify that Joseph Dawson was a Soldier in my Company in the Revolutionary War, and that he served to the end of the same, having been a prisoner of War the latter part thereof.

Witness my hand this thirty first of March Eighteen hundred and eighteen

P. Benson then a Captain in the 5th Md. Regt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Benson". The ink is dark and the background is light-colored paper.

District of Maryland Sect. }

Talbot County } On this twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord 1820. personally appeared in open Court, at Easton, in the County afs'd. before the Honorable the Judges of Talbot County Court, the same being a Court of Record having the power to fine and imprison in the Second Judicial District of the State of Maryland, Joseph Dawson aged sixty years and upwards, a Resident of the Town of Easton afs'd. who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that He served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit,

He enlisted in February 1777 as a private in the army of the Revolution and was placed in the Company of Captain James Henry of the 5th Maryland Regiment, which was then commanded by Colo. Wm. Richardson [William Richardson], he served as a private in the company of Captain Henry, until the year 1778, when Captain Henry resigned his commission, he then served in the Company of Captain George Hambleton until the Battle of Gates' defeat, he was then put into the Company of Captain Perry Benson and in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. John E. Howard [John Eager Howard]. he served in Captain Benson's company till the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, where he was severely wounded and taken prisoner and carried as such to Charleston; he remained a prisoner at Charleston several months and was removed from thence to St. Augustine where he remained a prisoner till the end of the war. He was in the following Battles during the Revolutionary war, to wit, the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 June 1778], Gates Defeat, Cowpens [sic: Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781], Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], 2^d Battle at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and lastly at Eutaw Springs.

He further declares that the pension Certificate sent to him from the war office of the United States bearing date the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and he believes from the endorsement of the number of it to be (1413)

He further says, that his original Declaration was made to the best of his knowledge and recollection, on the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

And I Joseph Dawson do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united States on the 18th day of March 1818. and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the united states in the Revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of march 1818. and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule

The said Joseph Dawson declares he has at this time no property either real or personal, his Land Lord having lately distrained on him for arrears of rent and sold all he had nor has he any income excepting the following, towit:

a salary as Bailiff of the Town of Easton for the present year and until the first monday in may next	\$ 80.00
A salary as Clerk of the market, until the first monday in april next, then payable	40.00
a salary as sexton in the Church at Easton, payable at Easter next	16.00
A Pension from the State of Maryland, as a wounded soldier	<u>40.00</u>
	\$176.00

all the appointments afs’d. are precarious they being annual and he being liable to be removed at the pleasure of the commissioners of Easton and the vestry of St. Peter’s Parish and by whom he was appointed. The said Joseph Dawson further declares that his present occupation is that of the Bailiff of Easton afs’d. Clerk of the market and Sexton in the Church afs’d. The said Joseph Dawson further declares, that he is infirm, being upwards of sixty years of age and is much afflicted with the Rheumatism; he has a wife named Deborah Dawson aged about 40 years and two children towit Mary & Leah; the one between six and seven years of age, and the other between three and four years of age living with him in Easton afs’d. His wife is able to work, but his children are unable to contribute to their support.
Joseph hisXmark Dawson

NOTE: A letter dated 23 Nov 1837 stated that the children of Joseph Dawson, deceased, were living in Baltimore.