

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Dabney W3007                      Elizabeth Dabney                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 11 June 2013.

State of Kentucky }      County Court  
Wayne County     }      August Term 1832

On this the 27th day of August in the year aforesaid personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of said court now seting, which is a court of record George Dabney a resident citizen of the county of Wayne aforesaid and state of Kentucky aged 72 years in September next, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832, that he entered the service of the united states he believes in the month of August 1778 as volunteer substitute for his father Cornelius Dabney who had been drafted as a milittia in Bedford County State of Virginia. he entered the service in the said County of Bedford under Captain Samuel Campbell he marched from there to Jarretts fort in Greenbrier County Virginia [now West Virginia] where he remained in service sometimes at Jaretts fort and sometimes at Benhevers fort being about nine miles apart the Indians generally dispersed about the time of our arrival there he served his full three months for his father it being the time of his engagement when he was honorably discharged by his Capt and returned home, where he remained and was Enroled as a militia and thrown into classes by number and as soon as it came to his turn he again entered the service under Capt John Trigg, and was marched by him to Petersburg Virginia and thence to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] where we was put under Col. [Thomas] Meriwether, and joined General Mulinburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] army. from thence he was marched to the dismal Swaps [sic: Dismal Swamp] there was in a skirmish against the british from thence he was marched to a place called Gregorys Camp from there to a place called the Tanyard there he was again honorably discharged, in the month of April about the middle of the month as he thinks in the year 1780 having served his full three months for which he was called out, and again returned home to Bedford County and in some time thereafter the time not recollected but believed by him to be in the fall of 1780 [sic] he was again called as aforesaid and a greater part of men in the county was called it was understood that the Enemy was in marching tolerably high up in Virginia [beginning in March 1781] he marched from Bedford County under the same Captain Trigg for the same period and was marched through the country in various places in persuit of the British Enemy was in no battle no particular incident Happened was finally discharged by said Captain Trigg at New London [in Bedford, now Campbell, County] agreeable to the orders of Col [William] Calloway for a three months Touer and again returned home and there remained untill it again came to his turn agreeable to said arrangement and was again called & entered the service under said Capt Trigg and march'd off the precise time not recollected, but it was in the latter part of the summer previous to the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. we marched on to old James Town under our said Capt Trigg and under Col William Trigg a brother to the s'd Captain. we joined some other troops at old JamesTown staid there but a short time and marched to Williamsburg and continued on to York where he was joined to General Washington's army where he remained in service of a Laborious kind untill the surrender of Cornwallis after which time and having serv'd his full time was again Honorably discharged making in the whole 12 months servitude during the revolutionary war performed at four different touers for which he had four different discharges he thinks that he continued to live at his fathers house in Bedford County Virginia for some time after he quit the army and while at his fathers his fathers house was burned at which time his discharges together with other papers must have been Burned so that he has no documentary evidence of his services. he has no doubt he can prove his services by a certain James Turner [pension application S30757] living in the said county of Wayne and State of Kentucky in asmuch as said Turner served with him the three last touers that he said George Dabney served, and from the said

Turners knowledge of said Dabney's service of his first touer against the Indians in Greenbrier County Virginia though he states said Turner did not serve with him that Touer. he states he knows of no other person by whom he could prove his services by as to his first touer if he should fail satisfying the court by the evidence of Turner but he thinks Turner knows of his Dabneys service the first Touer although he was not with him in the first Touer he states he continued to live in Bedford County after the revolution till in the year Eighteen hundred and four or five he is not certain, when he moved to Montgomery County Virginia staid there about seven years then moved to Wayne County Kentucky where he has lived ever since. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
George Dabney

State of Kentucky }

Wayne County } On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May AD. 1833 personally personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the county court of the county of Wayne aforesaid in the state of Kentucky now seting which is a court of record; George Dabney a resident citizen of the county of Wayne in said State, and after being duly sworn according To Law doth on his oath make the following amendment To his original Declaration that was done and performed at the Last august Term of said court, and upon his oath states that he was born in Hanover County Virginia in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty on the fifteenth day of September agreeable To the account of his father and mother, and agreeable to the record of his uncle Samuel Shrewsbury has kept in his said uncles bible, and this applicants bible is taken off from his said uncles Bible – applicant's bible and the record therein has been worn out many years and he now has no record of the same; applicant continued to live in said county of Hanover untill Twelve years old and was then mov'd To bedford county Virginia where he lived during the revolutionary war, and till after

he states that he receiv'd a written discharge from captain Samuel Campbell for his first Touer spoken of in his original Declaration, and that he received three different discharges from Capt John Trigg for each different period of Service, mentioned in his original Declaration, and that he took care of them some time till his fathers house was burn'd down in Bedford county Virginia at which Time they must have been burn'd applicant states that he has no doubt but that he can prove his character and veracity as a soldier of the revolution by Benjamin Hancock Esquire of his neighborhood and Robert Belsher Esquire Hiram Phillips, and Major Bery the postmaster in his neighborhood, and by the postmaster at Monticello in his county namely Rodes Garth Esquire and in fact by all his intimate acquaintance in the county where he lives. he can prove his character as a soldier and veracity by William Hancock. John Turner and many others that now live in the county of applicant, that well knew him in Bedford County Virginia aplicant was some time after the end of the revolutionary war was chosen Capt of a company in Bedford County Virginia and serv'd in that station upward Ten years; he believes and understood, that his friends promoted him to that appointment because he had been faithful in the said war.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

George Dabney

NOTE: On 11 Jan 1844 in Clinton County KY Elizabeth Dabney, born in Bedford County VA on 2 Sep 1774, applied for a pension stating that she married George Dabney in Bedford County on 10 Jan 1793, and that he died in Clinton County on 14 May 1843. She referred to a record kept by her son Robert A. Dabney. There is also a copy of a bond signed by George Dabney and John Overstreet dated 7 Jan 1793 in Bedford County for the marriage of Dabney to Betsy Echols. Also in the file is consent for Betsy Echols to marry, signed by Jacob Echols and Betsy Echols on 6 Jan 1793 and witnessed by James Echols and Beckey Echols.