

Pvt. Thomas Dickerson

DICKERSON, Pvt. Thomas

State of Ohio, Washington County SS

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the associate judges for Washington County in said state, Thomas Dickerson, of the Township of Grandview, County and State aforesaid who deposes and says, that on the 9th day of August in the year of our Lord 1776 he enlisted into the army of the United States in Captain Van Swearingen's Company in the Eighth Pennsylvania regiment commanded by Col. Aenos Mackey (often spelled McCoy)—the term of his enlistment three years—as a private soldier in the infantry—he served in said regiment untill [sic] some time early in the spring of 1777 he was then drafted into the rifle regiment commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan—still his company was commanded by Captain Van Swearingen, attached also to said rifle regiment in the summer of the same year (?) 1777 he marched with said rifle regiment to _____ Gates army, & continued with said army until after the capture of the British _____ under General Burgoyne—he was reattached to the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment at Valley Forge, he afterwards served under General McIntosh's campaign northwest of the Ohio River and finally after serving out his term of three years was discharged at Pittsburgh by Col. Byard [sic] (Bayard) who gave him an honorable discharge—he has lost his discharge—he is now sixtythree years of age—has never applied for, nor received any pension from the United States—he is in reduced circumstances, & wishes the assistance of his country & prays to be placed on the pension list of the United States agreeable to an act of Congress dated March 18th 1818.

I, John Shark, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Thomas Dickerson did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the proceeding declaration against the Common Enemy for the term of nine months on the Continental Establishment; & I now transmit the proceedings & testimony taken & had before me to the Secretary of the War Department pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

Marietta April 29th 1818 John Shark

Pvt. Thomas Dickerson of the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment and brother of Kinser Dickerson, was born about 1757 at Frederick, Maryland. Thomas died in 1827 in Grandview Twp., Washington County, Ohio. Thomas married Margaret "Peggy" DAVIS who was also born in 1757. Thomas and Peggy had nine known children.

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