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Pension Application of Edward Dennis S30377

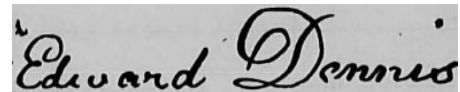
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District Columbia }
Washington County } To wit

On this 15th day of April 1836, personally appears before me, Clement T Coote, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, Edward Dennis, a resident of Little Barron in the County of Hart, in the State of Kentucky, aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832: that he was born near Seneca, in the County of Montgomery in the State of Maryland, in the year 1758; that he has a record of his age, made he believes by his Father, in the family bible: that he was living in the same County when he entered the service of his country: that he entered the service by inlistment, and was inlisted on the 27th day of April 1778, by Captain Samuel Griffith, for the term of three years: joined the army at Vally Forge [sic: Valley Forge], and served under the following officers; – General [William] Smallwood, Colonel [Nathaniel] Ramsey, Major [Archibald] Anderson, Captain Samuel Griffith, Lieutenant John Bailey, and Ensign Samuel Farmer: that at the expiration of his first term of service, he re-inlisted into the service at Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook] in the State of New Jersey, and continued in the service of his Country during the war; serving under General Smallwood, Colonel [John] Gunby, Major Anderson, Captain George Armstrong, Lieutenant [John] Toomy, and Ensign Samuel Farmer; and that in the year 1783, he obtained an honorable discharge at Ashley hill in South Carolina, signed by General Smallwood from the first Brigade of the third Regiment of the Maryland Troops, Captain Samuel Griffith's company: that the discharge so given was lost by him in descending the Ohio River in a boat, which was run against by another boat and stoved: that there were twenty two in the boat that was destroyed, including his wife and family, on which occasion he lost his discharge with his other effects, and his son James was drowned. That since the revolutionary war he has lived at Little Barron, Hart County in the State of Kentucky, where he still continues to reside. The Declarant further saith, under his oath as aforesaid, that he was in the action at Stoney Point on the North river [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], was stationed at Fishkill; General Wade [sic: Anthony Wayne] commanded, and that he was in the company of Captain John Smith of which Francis Reveley [Francis Revelly] was the Lieutenant: that the whole Division wintered at Valley Forge in the State of New Jersey [sic: Pennsylvania, winter of 1777-78], and in the spring marched to Guilford Courthouse in the State of South Carolina [sic: North Carolina; see endnote], where a battle was fought, under General Smallwood, in which he served in Captain George Armstrongs company: was in the action of Gates's defeat near Camden in South Carolina, that General Green [sic] had the command, and on that occasion he served in Captain George Armstrongs Company; Captain Samuel Griffith having resigned and returned home; that the Division was then stationed at Ridgleys [sic: Rugeley's] Mill about twelve miles from Camden, where, on the second battle, he was taken prisoner by the British, carried to Camden, and detained there four months, and was then released upon an exchange of Prisoners: that after being so released he assisted in taking two hundred Tories prisoners at Ridgleys Mill, where General Green was in command [sic], and he served in captain George Armstrongs Company; that he was at the battle of Ninety-Six under the same officers; the Division was then stationed at Charlottesville [sic], where the troops received a supply of shoes and cloathing, and there cocked hat, which were understood to have been sent from France: that this greatly needed supply was brought in sixteen waggons from Williamsons & Basses Mills on the Appopotomac [Appomattox? Potomac?] river in Virginia, for the want of which there had been much suffering and also for the want of provisions: that he was engaged in the battle at the Cowpens at Tarltons defeat; under General Green [sic] in the Company of Captain George Armstrong, of which Francis Toomy was Lieutenant; that the Division was stationed on Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] river: that he volunteered several times and was detached under Generals [Francis] Marion and Holley [possibly

Col. Hugh Horry or Peter Horry], on one of which occasions he was directed to the residence of a Tory in search of provisions, where observing several heaps apparently of turnips and cabbages, he examined them by running his bayonet into them, when he found it came out greasy and obtained a waggon and a cart load of Bacon for the troops; from which circumstance Quarter Master George Edmonson commissioned the Declarant to act as Quarter Master to provide supplies: that he was at the battle at Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] under the same officers as at the Cowpens [sic], the Division was stationed at Cheraw hills after that engagement [sic]. he with others was attached with the prisoners [presumably captured at Cowpens] to Charlottesville, and while proceeding with them many became refractory and insubordinate, and seventeen of them were killed on their way: The Declarant also states, under his oath as aforesaid, that he was frequently detached charged with especial duties, and engaged in many skirmishes that he does not now recollect, and that he has stated, as far as his memory serves him, the principal battles in which he fought and the leading circumstances attending them. He hereby 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, or only on the Agency of the State of Maryland



Land Office, Annapolis, March 18th 1836

I hereby Certify, that it appears by the Muster Rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this office, that Edward Dennis, enlisted as a private in the 3rd Maryland Regiment, for the term of three years, on the 27th day of April 1778, and on the 1st day of November 1780, was made prisoner.

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Officer U. S Md

By the House of Delegates/ March 23^d 1836

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Edward Dennis late a revolutionary soldier the half pay of a private in quarterly payments in re[muner]ation of his services during the revolutionary [war]

I certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed the General Assembly of Maryland December Session 1835

George G. Brewer Clk House Del Md.

State of Maryland. Anne Arundel County Ss.

Be it remember'd that on this 20th day of April 1836, personally appear'd before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said county Richard Hall [BLWt1801-100] aged eighty nine years, and made oath according to law that he personally knew Edward Dennis during the Revolutionary war, and that he served in the third Maryland Regiment, and that they were on several detachments together particularly at the battle of Stoney Point on the North River, and that the said deponent saith that he is the identical Edward Dennis whose name is register'd on the muster rolls of Maryland, and that he believes him to be seventy eight years of age. Sworn and subscribed to the day and year above mentioned.

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Geo. A. Barber

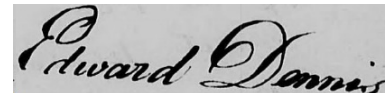
District of Columbia County of Washington To wit

On this 9th day of May 1836 personally appears before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county, Robert Hurdle [W7845] a Resident of Montgomery County Maryland and aged eighty one years, and made Oath in due form of law, that he was personally acquainted with Edward Dennis and with all his famly and that his Father and family lived on Seneca Creek in said County and that he the said Edward Dennis enlisted in the year 1778 in Captain Samuel Griffiths Company of the Maryland line and was sent with the Recruits to annapolis, the place of Randezvous, thence ordered with the recruits to the valley Forge where we joined the Maryland line of Continental Troops at which I was present and marched with him, and said deponant further sayeth that he is the Identical Edward Dennis, which

appears on the muster Rolls of the state of Maryland, and that he the said Deponant knoweth him to be seventy eight years of age, and the said Robert Hurdle personally knew Captain Samuel Griffiths, that we ware acquainted together in in Montgomery County Maryland Joel Brown

State of Kentucky }
County of Hart } SS.

On this twenty-fourth day of April 1837, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Hart personally appeared Edward Dennis who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Companies commanded by Captain Samuel Griffin and Captain George Armstrong, in the Regiments commanded by Colonel Ramsay and Colonel Gunby in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the District of Columbia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Kentucky where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the District of Columbia to Hart County Kentucky, to wit, he had lived in Hart County Kentucky for some years previous to his residence in the District of Columbia & returned to the said County of Hart & State Kentucky because he could get better wages there than he could in the District of Columbia as a School teacher which business he has followed for some years.



NOTE: The account of Dennis's service in the South is confused. The following is a chronology of the events mentioned:

- 16 Aug 1780 Battle of Camden SC; Gen. Horatio Gates, Commander-in-Chief of the southern army, defeated. (The "second battle" in the declaration may refer to the general battle that began about first light following the initial skirmishing that occurred when the American and British armies encountered each other several hours before.
- 3 Dec 1780 Gen. Nathanael Greene takes command from Gates at Charlotte NC. Greene begins resupplying troops; some remain at Charlotte; some are sent to Cheraw Hills in SC.
- 4 Dec 1780 Siege at Rugeley's Mill SC; Lt. Col. William Washington captures 112 Tories.
- 17 Jan 1781 Battle of the Cowpens SC; Gen. Daniel Morgan in command defeats Banastre Tarleton. About 600 prisoners taken to Virginia.
- 15 Mar 1781 Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC; Gen. Greene commanding.
- 22 May -
- 19 Jun 1781 Siege of Ninety Six SC. Afterwards Greene takes his troops to the High Hills of Santee until 22 Aug.
- 8 Sep 1781 Battle of Eutaw Springs SC; Greene commanding.