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Virginia Pension Application of Arthur Dent VAS928
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[Arthur Dent appears to have served in the French and Indian War rather than the Revolutionary War, although the following are from the [Revolutionary-War pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Frederick Sct. April Court 1786

Ordered that it be Certified that Arthur Dent a pensioner who was a Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. [George] Washington in the French and Indian War, still lives in this County. That from a wound which he received at the Battle at Edwards's, when Captain Mercer was killed who commanded the Company [Battle of Great Cacapon near Ft. Edwards at present Capon Bridge WV on 18 Apr 1756 where Capt. John Fenton Mercer was killed], he appears to be disabled. And that he is now about seventy four years of age. And it is further ordered that Doctor Cornelius Baldwin do examine, and Certify the Present Situation of his disability

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Frederick County July 29th 1786

I have this day examined the Wounds of Arthur Dent, and do Certify; that he appears to have been injured, by a Musquet Ball's haveing entered & pass'd. though his right shoulder, and in his right thigh & one in his left thigh; his Wounds in all quite heal'd. but a an apparent inability still somtimes in his right Arm
Corn'ls. Baldwin

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify, that Arthur Dent, aged about 74 years late a private in the first Virg'a Regiment, raised the war before the last appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of Virginia as to entitle him to the sum of Eight Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

Given under my Hand, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 22^d day of February 1787

T. Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

Received of Edward McGuire High Sheriff of Frederick County Eight Pounds the full amount of the Within Claim

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Arthur hisDmark Dent

Abraham Baker

April the 20th 1790

Ga'sn. Taylor

NOTE: In L. D. Bockstruck's *Virginia Colonial Soldiers* is the following from the size roll of Col. George Washington, 28 Aug 1757, showing the date and place of enlistment, age, height, trade, country and description: "Arthur Dent, Jan. 1755, Stafford, 35, 5' 5", planter, England, brown complexion, brown hair, lame in his right thigh by a wound."