

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Denney R2875 VA
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State of Kentucky { SS.
Wayne County }

On this 22nd day of November 1841 personally appeared before the county court of Wayne aforesaid John Denny a resident of Wayne County & state of Kentucky aged seventy five years, being born in august 1766 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the army of the united States in the year 1780 as a private for thirty days under Col William Cabbel [probably William Cabell] with about two hundred others to prevent the British from crossing James River in order to retake the british prisoners which were at the Barracks at or in Albemarle county Virginia [captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781], to the best of my recollection we volunteered about the last of July 1780 at Amherst court house in Virginia by the orders of said Col. And the next day we met at said court house of Amhurst and marched directly to Lynches ferry [Lynch's Ferry, now Lynchburg] under our said Col. Cabbell [note in margin: "NB. I think there was some inferior officers But our Col. performed most of the command during the time. I do not now recollect them.] on James River to oppose them & to prevent them crossing James River We remained there & in the neighborhood watching for the british & in detachments and gathering all the water craft several miles up & down the River for the space of thirty days, & at the expiration of our tour we were informed by the Col. That he had been informd that the British had taken an alarm & gone back. He then marched us back to amherst court house & discharged us in writing – but which discharge I have long since lost at the Burning of my house many years past. I the said John Denny further state that on the first day of July 1781 he believes, he was drafted under the orders of Col. William Cabbell of Amherst County Virginia as a private for four months to go to guard the British prisoners at the Barracks in Albemarle County, we rendezvoused at Amherst court house & marched under Capt. Samuel Cabbell (I think the son of Col. Wm. Cabbell) we were marched directly to said Barracks where I served the said tower of four months. and about the expiration of our said tower, orders came to Capt. Samuel Cabbel from the Col. to take the guard, by volunteer or otherwise & march & Guard the British Prisoners to the Pennsylvania line, & those of the company that were well volunteered to perform this tour or duty, & I did likewise volunteer for one month more as a private marched & Guarded the said British Prisoners to the Pennsylvania line & delived them to an officer & solders that met us on or at the Pennsylvania line, & our Captain Samuel Cabbell marched us back to Amhurst court house and there discharged us all in writing for five months as drafted and volunteer under his command, & which was in writing but which is likewise lost or burnt we got home in Amhurst County I think Between the 10th & 15th of November of the said year 1781.

I the said John Denny further state that I was born in Amhurst county Virginia on the waters of Rockfish River on the 24th day of August 1766 and lived there about Twenty years. my Father then moved to Fayette Kentucky & I with the family lived there about 6 years I then moved to clark county & lived there about 6 years, & I then mooved in Wayne county Kentucky where I have lived about 43 years. I the said John Denny hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. He the said John Denny claims for six months service (to wit) one of thirty days, 4 months as drafted & one months to guard the british prisoners to the pennsylvania line.

