

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Denton R2888

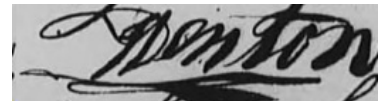
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State of Georgia } SS.
Hancock County }

On this fourth day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Honourable the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid John Denton a resident in the County of Hancock and State aforesaid aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the bennefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777, with Laurence House [sic: Lawrence House VAS1619], Lieut. and served in the Second Regiment of Virginia State Artillery for three years. he left service on the 23rd day of August 1780; that he resided at the time he entered service in Brunswick County Virginia, that he served under Captains Crawley [Samuel Crawley R13467], House and Allen [John Allen R12048] under Major Edmunds, Mazzard [sic: Maj John Mazarett R16059], under Colo Elias Edmunds [VAS2004] that he received his discharge under Lieut Colo Elias Edmunds signed by William Spillers [sic: William Spiller VAS2171] his Captain which discharge is lost

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year afforesaid in open Court.



Hancock County Georgia
Present their Honors }
John W. Raburn }
William Bird } Justices
John S Venning }

The undersigned was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia on the seventh day of May 1762 and on the 16th day of August 1777 enlisted in the Second Regiment of Virginia artillery commanded by Col Thomas Marshall [VAS494] and served out the term of three years and was discharged at the city of Richmond on the twenty third day of August in 1780 I perceive in the papers returned from the war department that my name is not on the Regimental muster Roll in the war office. I have to observe that our Regiment was placed on the continental establishment in 1779 and in 1780 was under marching order for Charleston, and on the 25th of April the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colo Elias Edmunds formed a junction with Colo Charles Porterfield [BLWt1145-450] who commanded a regiment of state Infantry and two troops of Horse under command of Major Armand [Charles Armand BLWt2291-850], Porterfield commanding the whole attachment. We marche for Charleston then besieged by the Brittish, and about the twentieth of May we began to meet the militia who were paroled at the surrender of that post [on 12 May 1780]; but we still pursued [sic] our march till within a short distance of Charlotetown village [Charlotte] in North Carolina where we received the account of Colo Bufords defeat near the Waxaw settlement [defeat of Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC on Hanging Rock Road, 29 May 1780] – from thence we retreated to Salisbury thence to Guilford Court House from thence to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough NC], and after encamping there for a few days we took up the line of march for Virginia but after a few hours march were met by the Maryland Brigade commanded by General Baron Decalb [sic: Baron De Kalb] who countermanded our march but ordered Colo Edmunds to detach

one company of his regiment to take charge of the Ordinance stores a few miles on the road at General Persons I belonged to the first company our Regiment commanded by James Wilson Bradly [sic: James Bradley] which was detached for that purpose who took them back to Taylors Ferry [on Roanoke River S of present Boydton VA]. Where I remained till the 17th of August with about one hundred more of the Regiment we marched for Richmond and received our discharge on the 23^d day of August. The above is all the reasons I give for my name not being on the Muster Roll. I continued in the service of my country till late in November 1781 I was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse under general Green on the 15th of March [sic: Nathanael Greene, 15 Mar 1781], and at Petersburg Virginia about the first day of May under General Mulinberg [sic: Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Spr 1781, under Peter Muhlenberg BLWt495-850] and at the Siege of York in October and after the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] helped guard the Prisoners on their March to Albemarle Barracks [sic: Winchester Barracks] as far as Falmouth on the north bank of Rappahannock and arrived at home the twentieth of November 1781 & Having remained in service from the 16 of August 1777 till the 20th of November 1781, there is no person living within his knowledge by whom he could prove his services
Sworn to in open Court this 6th August 1833



Was born in Brunswick County Virginia
Has no record of his age believes his birth is recorded in the Parrish Register where he resided
Was living in Brunswick County when called into service, lived since the Revolutionary in North Carolina from Jany 1785 until 1792 moved to So. Ca and lived there two years, since that time lived in Georgia

He enlisted – Received a discharge is lost was given by order of Lieut Elias Edmunds & signed by Capt William Spillers.

He is known by all the neighbors who have lived in his neighborhood any length of time. John W. Raburn Esquire a member of the Inferior Court is a neighbor and been acquainted with him from a very early period of his life

Answered subscribed & sworn to in open Court



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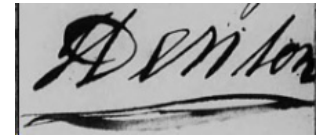
On this [blank] day of April 1836 Personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Garnett Andrews Esquire Judge of the Superior Court of said County, John Denton a resident in the County of Hancock and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

He was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia on the seventh day of May in the year 1762 (agreeable to the parish register) and enlisted on the 16th day of August 1777 in the company of artificers attached to Second Virginia Regiment of Artillery he served in the garrison of Williamsburg and York till the Spring of the year of 1779 when his regiment was put on the Continental establishment and early in March 1780 all the efficient part of the regiment with a few exceptions were ordered to Charleston in South Carolina to reinforce General [Benjamin] Lincoln. They then Marched from Williamsburg in Virginia on the 23^d day of April in the year of 1780 and prosecuted their March till the early part of June – when near the village of Charlottesville [sic] of Northcarolina where they received the intelgence of the defeats of Col Bufords Regiment on the Hanging Rock Road. Col Porterfield his commander retreated to Salisbury to Guilford Court House – thence to Hillsboro after halting there a few days they took up their line of March for Virginia but had not Marched more than ten or twelve miles when they met the

Maryland brigade commanded by General Decalb and as senior officer he ordered our regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colo. Elias Edmonds to join him and ordered him to detach a company of his Regiment to take charge of the military stores and to convey them to Taylors ferry on Roan Oak River. He belonged to the first company which was detached for that purpose in which service he continued till the 16th day of August when his term of service terminated. He Marched with about one hundred more to Richmond Virginia where they were discharged on the 23 of the same month having served the full term of his enlistment. He continued in the Service till the capture of Cornwallis at York Town and helped guard the prisoners to Falmouth on Rappahannock River on their way to Albemarle Barracks & returned home on the 30th of November having served in the Revolutionary war four years and three months. He had a certificate of his enlistment which has been lost & of which from the long lapse of time it is almost to impossible give an exact copy but as well as he now recollects this is a copy "The bearer of this enlisted under me as a private in the Company of Artificers attached to Col Thomas Marshalls Regiment of artillery this 16th Aug 1777 Lawrence House Liet Cpt and on the 23^d August in the year of 1780 he was discharged at Richmond. the following is a copy as well as he now recolects. "The bearer John Denton a private belonging to Capt. Marshalls regiment of Artillery having faithfully served the term of his enlistment, is hereby honorably discharged this 23^d day of Aug 1780

By order of Lieutenant Elias Edmondson Commanding Wm Spiller Capt
He was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse on the 15th of March 1781 as a volunteer from Virginia attached to General Lawsons [Robert Lawson] Brigade and in another at Petersburg when Philips & Arnold [Gen. William Phillips and Gen. Benedict Arnold], took that Town was his commander which took place on the last day of April or the 1st of May. During the Summer of 1781 he served in the Millitia under General Lafayette who commanded in Virginia. He was at the Siege of York Town and Marched to guard the prisoners to Falmouth.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court this 12th day of April 1836

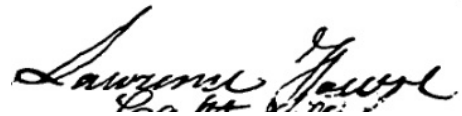


[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do here by Certifie that John Denton serv'd three years from the 19th of August 1777 as a soldier the State Reget of Artilery under the Command of Col. Marshall

Sep'r 15th 1783

Lawrence House
Capt SA



NOTE: Correspondence in the file suggests that Denton's application was refused because the Pension Office was confused by the three declarations of service.