

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dennis O'Farrell (O'Ferrell) S25072

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Dennis O'Farrell, a Virginia State pensioner 11th Regiment Virginia Rev war:
Inscribed on the roll of Virginia as a pensioner at \$2 [indecipherable] increased by an act of Congress of the 24th of April 1816 to \$3.55/100 5/9.

State of Virginia to wit

I James P Preston, Governor of the State of Virginia aforesaid, do hereby certify that Dennis O'Farrell was continued on the Pension list by an advice of Council on the 23rd of July 1787, A copy of which is hereto annexed attested by William Robertson who is clerk of the Council of State duly appointed & qualified and I do further certify that the said Dennis O'Farrell had his Pension increased by An Act of General Assembly passed the 25th of January in the year 1813, an Extract from which duly copied by the clerk of the Council of State is also hereto annexed and that it appears by a certificate signed by John Burfoot, who is Auditor of Public Accounts, for this State legally appointed & qualified and also hereunto annexed, that Dennis O'Farrell has received his pension for the years 1813 & 1814.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of this State to be affixed. Done at the City of Richmond this 27th day of December in the year of our Lord 1816.

S/ James P Preston

In Council July 23rd 1787

It appearing from proper Vouchers that Frederick Fenton, Dennis O Ferrell, James Robinson and Katy Linge, come within the requisitions of the Pension law, – It is advised that the two first be continued on the Pension List with an allowance of eight pounds each per annum from the first of January 1786. And that James Robinson and Katy Lingo the put upon the List of Pensioners, the first with an allowance of eight pounds & the latter ten pounds per annum from the first of last January.

Copy from the Journal

Tested William Robertson, Clerk of the Council

Extract taken from an Act of Assembly passed the 25th of January 1813 – entitled and Act increasing the Pensions of certain persons therein mentioned –
Section 2nd and be it further enacted that Dennis O Farrell, an old Pensioner, who has heretofore received eight pounds per annum, shall after the passage of this Act receive annually in lieu thereof sixty dollars, to be paid as other Pensions are paid.

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Dennis O'Farrell aged about forty-six years, late a private of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment, whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States by a wound from a Musket Ball in the left foot, and that he is allowed the sum of eight pounds yearly, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the Governor being absent) at Richmond this 23rd day of July 1787

T. Meriwether

Beverly Randolph

Virginia Shenandoah County SS

On this 21st day of July 1823 before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Shenandoah Personally appeared Dennis O'Ferrell who, on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by a Captain Peter Bruin, and after transferred to __ Johnson (believed to be William Johnson) in the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heth] at the time of his discharge, in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia, that he received a Certificate or warrant of that fact under Signature of Beverly Randolph Lieutenant Governor of the said State of Virginia & State Seal on the 23rd day of July 1787 and that he never received any formal Certificate of the Secretary of War but now wishes to obtain one and that the said Certificate or warrant was sent on to Richmond by John Evans then a member of the House of Representatives of this State and has not been returned to him, said O'Ferrell, since.

S Dennis O'Ferrell

very sincerely
Dennis O'Ferrell

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 37-page file filed under "Dennis O'Ferrell"

Shenandoah County March 1st 1785

I Dennis Ferrell do hereby certify that I have appointed Captain Philip Gatewood and authorized him to draw my Pension for the year 1784 and all the arrears if any behind except for 83 received of Colonel Isaac Zane £12.0.0 and that it is in consideration of a wound received in the foot at Brandywine Battle [indecipherable word] Discharge

Please to pay Captain Philip Gatewood the above a Pensioner in Shenandoah or County for my use aforesaid as witness my hand

S/ Dennis DF Ferrell, his mark

At a Court continued and held for the County of Shenandoah on Friday the 25th day of April 1787

Dennis O'Farrell have been produced a Certificate from under the hand of Beverly Randolph Esquire Lieutenant Governor for the sum of eight pounds who made oath that he is the person to whom it is due Ordered that the Sheriff of this County pay the said Dennis O'Farrell the said sum of eight pounds it being due him for the year 1787 and take a receipt on this order for the same. Agreeable to an Act of assembly in that case made and provided.

S/ John Williams, Clerk

[Note: most of the documents in this file are annual court orders like the above and receipts through the year 1821. There are also annual powers of attorney whereby O'Ferrell authorized various people to receive the pension due him.]