

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Elijah Denney (Denny) S2513

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County & Circuit

On this 12 of September 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Joseph Eve, sole Judge of the Rockcastle Circuit Court, being a Court of record Elijah Denney a resident of said County and as he believes about 70 years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June seven 1832. That he volunteered in the Army of the United States Militia in the South Carolina troops in the year 1779 for the term of six months in Wilkes County (where he then lived) in North Carolina in Capt. Richard Allen's Company the company marched to Charleston in South Carolina where he was placed in a Regiment [commanded by?] Col. Lytle Regiment a regular officer, and after upwards of five months he was surrendered by General Lincoln in the year 1782 General Clinton, as they attached parole will show -- when he was surrendered his term of service six months had expired a few days. He recollects General Lincoln & Col. Lytle regular officers but no others. The Country through which he marched was from the place of his residence directly to Charlestown in South Carolina aforesaid. He served three months under Allen then the balance of the time under Capt. George Lowman his Lieut. was Bradley.

About 12 months after his parole being exchanged in the County of Wilkes North Carolina, where he resided he enlisted as a Sgt. in Capt. Gordon's company North Carolina state line the Regiment forgotten, being then very young, and he does not believe any Col. was over him being commanded by Major Joel Lewis as the annexed discharge will show, dated October 25, 1782, and signed by Lewis, his Lieut. was Bradley Ensign forgotten. The time he left the service is shown by his discharge when he had faithfully served out his term of enlistment. He does not recollect the name of any officer of the Continental line in the last service. He was in no battles except the siege of Charlestown. Under the last enlistment he marched to different parts of North Carolina and was not out of it except once to Georgia to guard some ammunition. The parts of the state he was in was about Salisbury, Hillsboro & Deep River. At Salisbury he got his discharge from cap major Lewis. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn & subscribed to this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah Denney

Question 1. In what year were you born. He does not know but believes he is about seventy and has record of his age. At the time he entered the service in the manner of doing he has fully answered. Since the Revolution in North Carolina Wilkes County until about 30 years back when he moved to the place he now lives in Rockcastle County.

The manner of entering the service he has explained. He has stated all he knows as to his officers, Regiments, the general circumstances of his service.

His discharges he here refers to & he received no commission being a private soldier, except the last 12 months of service under Lois he was a Sgt. As to his character for veracity he refers to the Rev. Richard Colyer and S. Colyer all of his neighborhood who would depose to their belief of his service in the Revolutionary War.

[Stephen Colyer & Richard Colyer, a clergyman, and John Montgomery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County

On this 14th day of June 1833, personally appeared before me John H. Slaughter a Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Elijah Denney a resident of said County, who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment of his original declaration made the Rockcastle Circuit Court on the 12th September 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That his enlistment under Capt. Gordon, as stated in his original declaration, was for the term of twelve months that he served the whole term out in actual service and received a discharge from Maj. Lewis under whom he served which is filed in his said original declaration. He states that he has no proof of his Services as Sgt. except that he has already furnished but he did serve the whole term of twelve months aforesaid as a Sgt. in Capt. Gordon's company. As in his former declaration he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present. Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah Denney

S/ John H. Slaughter, JP

[fn p. 11: on April 24, 1855 in Pulaski County Kentucky, Elijah Denney, about 98, resident of Rockcastle County Kentucky filed for his bounty land entitlement under the act of March, three 1855. His application is attested by Adams Crawford and Simeon Denney.]

[fn p. 18-19: discharge & parole

[fn p. 19: Discharge is very dark and difficult to decipher. Here is what I think I see:

"The bearer Elijah Denny a [illegible] in the N. Carolina State Redgmt having completed his time of Sarvice 12 months is Discharged from the same

Wilkes

S/ Joel Lewis

October

M NC Troops

25 1782"

I DO hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner
of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir
HENRY CLINTON, and that I am thereby engaged un-
til I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released there-
from, to remain

*at my plantation
in the parish of ...
in the county of ...
in the Province of ...*

and that I shall not in the mean Time do, or cause
any Thing to be done, prejudicial to the success of
His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold
Correspondence with his Enemies; and that upon a
Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having
Authority thereto; that I will surrender myself to
him or them at such Time and Place as I shall here-
after be required.

*Witness my hand
the 20th day of May 1780.
[Signature]*



BY ELIJAH
(N.C.)
62513.

*I have by certificate
that there is a true
copy of the parole
signed this day by*