

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Dennis Dempsey (Dempsey) W3076      Mary Dempsey      DE  
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State of Pennsylvania Ss

On this Seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen Before me the subscriber President of the seventh Judicial District of Pennsylvania compos'd of the Counties of Delaware Chester Montgomery & Burks

Personally appeared Dennis Dempsey aged Sixty four years resident In Charles township Chester County affor'd., who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War

That the s'd Dennis Dempsey enlisted on the Seventh of July 1776 in the State of Delaware in the Company commanded by Capt Joseph Stedham in the Reg't of the Delaware line Commanded by Col [John] Hazlet that he continued to serve in the s'd Corps until he was Discharg'e from the service in June 1783 in the state of Delaware

That he was in the Battles of Long Island [27 Aug 1776], White plains [28 Oct 1776], Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], (where he was wounded) Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [SS, 8 Sep 1781] Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] &c, was taken prisoner by the Brittish, made his escape from Charleston S. Carolina after three months Captivity again Joined his Reg't & serv'd during the war his discharge being lost he has no other [illegible word] (his officers being Dead) than a Certificate given by one of his Captains. that he is entitled to Bounty Lands now in the Office of Wm Cutting

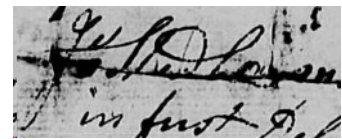
And that he is reduced in circumstances & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country of support & that he has no other evidence now in his Power of his s'd service & that he never receiv'd a Pension from this state or the United States      Dennis hisXmark Dempsey

At ye Request of Denniss Dempsey I do hereby Certify that the said Deniss was Inlisted in the first Delaware Regt Raised in the year 1776 and Serv'd During that Campaign & Afterwards Inlisted at the Expiration of his first time in ye said Reg't. again under the Command at that time of Col'l. David Hall Esq'r.

witness my hand the 3<sup>d</sup> day of October 1789.

Jos Stedham Captain in first Del. Regt

To whome it may Concern

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jos Stedham" with "in first Del." written below it.

I do hereby certify that Dennis Dempsey the bearer, served in the Delaware Regiment during the War (being enlisted for that term) and is entitled thereby to his military bounty of Land. Given under my hand at Newcastle in the Delaware State this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct'r 1789

[William Hewitt] late Capt'n D Regt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Hewitt" with "late Capt'n D Regt" written below it.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CHESTER COUNTY, SS:

ON this Second day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Twenty Personally appeared in open court of Common Pleas, held at Westchester, in and for the county of

Chester, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; being a court of Record, proceeding according to the course of the Common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, Dennis Dempsey aged Sixty Seven years and upwards, resident in the township of Charlestown in the said county of Chester, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March, 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820; That he served in the Revolutionary war, in the Company of which Joseph Siddom was the Captain in the Delaware Reg't. commanded by Col. Haslett on the Continental Establishment, and has obtained a pension under the act of the 18th of March 1818, his certificate being numbered 909

AND I the said Dennis Dempsey do solemnly Swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income; other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Dennis Dempsey Sworn to, declared and subscribed, on the Second day of August 1820, in OPEN COURT of Common pleas, in and for the county of Chester in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the said Court, being a Court of Record by the Laws of the said Commonwealth.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Tenant by the Curtesy of 4 acres of Land in Charlestown township Chester County

2 Tables	1 sett of Malls
3 Chairs	1 Grubbing hoe
1 Axe	½ doz knives & forks
1 Bed & Bedding	½ doz Cups & Saucers
1 Looking Glass	1 pr Smoothing Irons
½ doz Spoons	1 Sweeping Brush
1 pr shovel & tongs	1 Tin plate stove
1 Hoe	1 Candle Stick
1 Reaping Hook	Total value \$14.90
1 Iron Pot	
1 Brass Kettle	I have not a single debt due to me from any person whatever
½ doz plates	I have no pension from Penn.
1 Sickle	I am indebted \$12 and \$1.50
1 Spade	
1 Pair andirons	

I am a labourer by trade & am prevented from following it by reason of age & infirmity. I have a wife name Mary – she is upwards of seventy years old & as infirm as myself

Dennis Dempsey

State of Pennsylvania }  
 Chester County } SS

On this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before Isaac Darlington President Judge of the fifteenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania comprised of the Counties of Chester and Delaware, Mary Dempsey a resident of the Township of East Nantmeal[?] in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania aged upwards of eighty eight years, who being first duly Sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7. 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." that she is the widow of Dennis

Dempsey late of the Township of Charlestown in the said County of Chester deceased who was a private in the revolutionary war and served, according to his statement to the declarant, eight years six months and three days in the Continental line, that he enlisted whilst a resident of Delaware State and belonged to a company called the Delaware Blues that he did not leave the service until the end of the war, that she has heard him state that he was in the Battles of Bunkers hill [17 Jun 1775], Brandywine, Germantown, Fort Lee [20 Nov 1776], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Long Island and others that have escaped her memory. That he received a wound from a musket ball in his shoulder at the battle of Germantown and a wound from a bayonet in some other engagement which declarant cannot name, that the said Dennis Dempsey received a pension of ninety six dollars per year during his life, that your declarant's maiden name was Martin and when married to Dennis Dempsey she was the widow of Robert Moore of Charlestown Township Chester County who died in the year 1780 that when married to the said Dennis Dempsey by John Timonton a Presbyterian minister, she received from him the annexed certificate of the marriage in his own hand writing, which has been in my possession ever since the marriage until this time, that the witnesses whose names are thereto are all dead, but that a woman named Mary Williams is now living in Charlestown township who was present at the wedding supper but who is unable to be present at the taking of this declaration but whose testimony she hopes to be able to obtain hereafter, that she lived and cohabited with her said husband Dennis Dempsey as his wife from the time of the marriage until the time of his death.

She further declares that the certificate hereto annexed signed by John Timonton U.D.M. and with the names of Joseph Conrade, James Cloyd, John Pergren, Mordecai Williams & James Williams as witnesses of the ceremony of marriage is the only written evidence of the marriage in existence so far as she knows & believes.

She further declares that she was married to the said Dennis Dempsey on the tenth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five, that her husband the aforesaid Dennis Dempsey died on the thirty first day of December eighteen hundred and twenty four, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. Mary herXmark Dempsey

NOTE: On 24 April 1843 Mary Dempsey was said to be "near Ninety four" and a resident of the Township of South Coventry in Chester County.