

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Denton W8662

Rachel Denton

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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the benefit of Certain surviving officers & soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved the 15th of May 1828 I David Denton of the County & State afs'd. do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution for & during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Col. William Whites core or company of light horse [sic: Anthony Walton White's 1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons]. I did not get a certificate for Eighty dollars under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th day of May 1778 I have never received any pension of any kind from the United States

David his mark Denton

Subscribed & sworn to before me a justice of the peace in & for the County & State afs'd on this 19th day of January 1829.

State of Kentucky, County & Circuit of Barren Sct.

On this 26th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Judge of the Barren Circuit Court in open Court, David Denton a resident in the County of Barren aged 77 years the 25th of December next, who being first duely 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in March 1776, for the term of three years, under Captain Mat Duit or Jewitt [sic: Matthew Jouett] Lieutenant Robert Duit [sic: Robert Jouett], Ensign Hudson Martin, & first Sergeant Francis Tolliver [sic: Francis Talliaferro], in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle], Virginia, in the 7th Virginia Regiment under command of Col. Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson], & in General Woodfords [William Woodford's] Brigade. At the time he entered the service he lived in the County of Albermarle State of Virginia. He was in the battle of Brandywine in 1777 [11 Sep], where he was wounded in the thigh, & afterwards went to Chestnut Hill where he was in a small battler or rather a skirmish. He served out the 3 years, & was discharged at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] Virginia, his discharge was signed by Abram Buford [Abraham buford], and is now lost.

He then went as a substitute to Charles Denton, his brother who was sick, in the Virginia Militia and marched to Hampton, thence to Portsmouth, thence to Cabin point on the south side of James River in Surry County], where he lay until his time expired, & then went to Petersburg & was there discharged. During this time of service which lasted 12 months, he was under the command of Col. Nailor, Capt. John Henderson, Major Bois [sic: William Boyce], & in the 17th Regiment, & General [Thomas] Nelson's Brigade; he obtained a Discharge at Petersburg signed by Col. Nailor, but he cannot now say what has become of it, but thinks it is lost.

He then went home, & was, about 3 months after his return, drafted in the Militia, & then went and enlisted during the War in Col. Whites light horse company at Birdordinary [sic: Bird's Ordinary] Louisa County Virginia & served 10 months; he during this tour marched to the South with the intention of joining Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six [in SC, besieged by Green 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], but hearing that Green had defeated the enemy [sic], went to the Round O in North Carolina on Pee-dee [sic: Round O SC near Edisto River], at which place he lay for about two week. An express came there to the troops to which he belonged that Gen'l. Washington had besieged Cornwallis in York, & he, together with the troops hastened with all diligence to that place. He arrived at York before Cornwallis had capitulated and was at the surrender of that officer & his troops [19 Oct 1781], but he was on the Gloster side of the River [sic: Gloucester side of York River]. He then went with the prisoners to Winchester Barracks and in March afterwards was discharged at Louisa Court House His Discharge at this place was signed by Col. White, but he is now unable to say what has become of it, as he never

expected to have any use either for this or any other of his Discharges. During his aforesaid terms of service, he was acquainted with Col. Holt Richardson, Col. Abram Buford, Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. [Charles] Scott, Gen'l. Green, Gen'l. Lafayette & many others. He has now no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person, except William Brown [pension application S35788] whose Affidavit he transmits herewith, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He farther saith in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that he was born on the 25th Dec'r. 1755 in the County of Ambermarle State of Virginia. He has a Record of his age, which is now at his house in the County of Barren. In answer to the 3rd question he saith that he lived in the County of Ambermarle Virginia, from which place he moved to Fayette County Kentucky where he was married & lived 12 years & from thence moved to Barren County Ky. where he has since lived & continues to live there. In the first term he enlisted for 3 years & served the time out, in his 2nd term he was a substitute for his brother Charles, & in the 3rd being drafted he enlisted under Col. White during the War. In answer to the 5th question he states that he was acquainted with Gen'l. Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. Green & Scott, Col White & others, the 7th Continental Regiment, 17th Virginia Regiment of Militia 3rd 11th & 15th Continental Regiments which two last together the 7th constituted Gen'l Woodfords Brigade. Col. Young Commanded the 15th Col Mooter [sic: George Muter] the 11th, Col Bastin the 3rd. He was in the battle of Brandywine where he received a wound in the thigh, which still remains crippled. He received discharges regularly the first signed by Abram Buford, the 2nd by Col. Nailor & the 3rd by Col. White, all of which are now lost or mislaid. In answer to the 7th question he will name Squire William Feland, Hudson Martin son of Ensign Hudson Martin, John Cosby, Joel Yancy, Christopher Tompkins, William & John Wallace & many others with whom he is acquainted in his neighbourhood too tedious to mention

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

David hisXmark Denton

State of Kentucky Barren County Set

This day personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Barren County William Brown and made oath that David Denton was a regular Soldier in the service of the congress of the United States, that he has reason to believe that he enlisted in the service for the term of three years, & was commanded by Capt. Matt Jouett, whose company was attached to the 7th Virginia Regiment, which regiment was commanded by Colo. Holt Richardson, and was part of the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Woodford. After some severe losses the company was atached to Colo. Abram Bufords Regiment, for the purpose of compleeting a new regiment, and further the said Brown saith that the above named David Denton is the same person who he hath seen in the service of the United States. Sworn to before me this 26th Day of January 1830 [signed] Thos. S. Denton J.P.B.C.

NOTE:

On 5 May 1840 Rachel Denton, 68, applied for a pension stating that she married David Denton on 17 June 1791, and he died on 18 May 1838. The file includes a family record written on blank pages of a Bible certified by Charles Denton and transcribed below. On 11 April 1843 Rachel Denton was said to be 73.

On 30 Oct 1851 David B. Denton assigned power of attorney to obtain any pension or increase in pension for the service of David Denton.

David Denton was Married to Rachael Denton the 17 June 1791.

Thomas Denton the Son of Rachel and David Denton was Born on friday the ninth of november 1792

John Denton the Son of Rachel and David Denton was Born the twenty first day of february 1795

Mary denton the Daughter of Rachel and David Denton was Born Saturday the first day of october 1796

William Denton the Son of Rachel and David Denton was Born on Thursdy the Eighteenth of July 1799

Leah Denton the Daughter of Rachel and David Denton was Born on thursday the twentyfifth of june 1801

Arnoyld Denton the Son of Rachel and David Denton was Born the twenty ninth day of april 1803

Agness Denton the Daughter of Rachel and David Denton was Born on thursdy the thirtieth day of January 1806

Charles Denton the son of Rachel and David Denton was Born the twenty ninth Day of octber 1807

Isaac Denton the son of Rachel and David Denton was Born on the 9 of jenary 18010