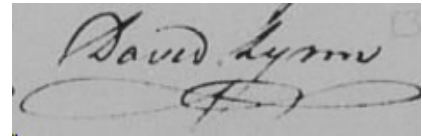


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Pension Application of David Lynn W9151                      Mary Lynn      MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled “an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the army of the revolution” approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I David Lynn of Cumberland in the County of Allegany in the State of Maryland do hereby declare that I was an Officer in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution & served as such to the end of the War at which period I was a Captain in the Seventh Reg’t. of the Maryland line.

I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates (commonly called commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22 March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21 Oct’r. 1780 Witness my hand this fourth day of June in the year 1828.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lynn". Below the name, there are several decorative flourishes and a large, stylized initial, possibly "D" or "L", which is partially obscured by the end of the line.

NOTES:

David Lynn provided the following additional details of his service in a letter in the file of Patrick Macher (Machar), pension application R6571:

“Preperatory to the Siege of York, in 1781 a certain number of Militia was ordered to be in readiness, & to rendezvous at Annapolis the moment they received marching orders. I was stationed there, to receive them & was supplied with money with directions from the Gen’l. to enlist as many as possible, into the Continental service, while we were preparing for the march, during which time, I enlisted perhaps sixty. When the Reg’t. was organized it was composed altogether of Militia, except my recruits, & they having become troops of the line were entitled to the right of the Reg’t, but as I was not the Sen’r. Capt. in Com’d. they were given to Capt. [Henry] Gaither & I had nothing more to do with them, but took the Com’d. of a Comp’y. of Militia, in the same Reg’t. a proportion of which were Militia substitutes, & were in the first instance collected in their respective Counties, but when brought to Annapolis were given up to the Officers of the regular Army....

If Macher joined the Reg’t. at Annapolis in 1781 & will say he joined the Southern Army afterwards, his account & mine of the march, siege &c, ought to be the same. The Reg’t. on that occasion was called the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Reg’t. Com’d by Maj’r. [Alexander] Roxburgh. We march’d from Annapolis through George Town, Alexandria, Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] & to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], & joined the american & French Army in sight of York Town the day after the British Army had been withdrawn from their outposts [30 Sep 1781], and two or three days before our Army broke ground on the line of our first entrenchment, we assisted in all the operations of the Siege, & our Reg’t. was formed in [page torn] line, when the whole British Army passed in review, & ground their [arms] at the time of the surrender [19 Oct 1781]. When this was done Capt. Gaither’s Comp’y. composed of my recruits, was ordered to join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryl’d Reg’t (which we joined there) & sent on to the Southern Army & the Militia was ordered to return to Maryland

With my Comp’y I guarded a part of the British prisoners to Fred’k. Town [Frederick MD], where they were discharged...”

On 12 Sep 1848 Mary Lynn, 74, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Rev. Higginbotham at West River in Anne Arundel County MD to David Lynn on 28 April 1795, and her husband died on 6 April 1835 near Cumberland. Mrs. Anne M. Mason stated that she had been a bridesmaid at the wedding of David Lynn and Mary Galloway.