Pension Application of Leonard Ennis W9429 Jane Ennis MD
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Ann Arundal [Anne Arundel] County }

on this twenty third day of January in the year of our lorde one thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeard before me Cheaf Judge of the orphants Courte of Ann Arundal County State of Maryland Jane Ennis A Resident of the City of Annapolis state of Maryland aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doath on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July seventh Eighteen hundred and thirty Eight granting pensions that she is A widow of Leonard Ennis who Enlisted as A private soldier in St Marys County State of Maryland under Colo Smallwood [William Smallwood, promoted to General on 23 Oct 1776] of the state regiment in the Continental Line for the term of during the war from whence he marched to Annapolis whir they encamped for some time and then saild on Board of small vessels towards the head of the Bay to joind the general army under Washington he was in the Battel of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] under Curnel John Stone [John Hoskins Stone] and others and at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Bremans hights [see endnote] & mud Iland [Siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, [10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777] and many other Engagements during the war and was wounded by A musket Ball in the Right arme which proved to be very sever in the Battel of yorke town [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] near the close of the war after which he returned to Annapolis having been in constance servise during the war to the End Thiroff

She further declairs that she was marrid to the said Lenard Ennis by Parson Adderson [Addison] in the City of Annapolis in the year of Our Lord seventeen hundred and Eighty three in the month of November whir they Lived together from that time until he was drowned in Crossing the Creek called the Grave yard Creek A branch of Severn River in Company with John Hinton and that he Came to his death in that way and that the said Lenard Ennis her husband was very Lame in his arme from the wound above discribed it being verry much contracted and allways sore until his death which took place as aforsaid near the City of Annapolis in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Ninty Seven[?] and that he obtained A Land warrant for one hundred Acers of Land in Ohio which he sold to Mr James Williams of Annapolis and that he was A painter by trade being Engaged in painting the room[?] of the state house at the time of his death and that she was marrid to him prior to his leaving the servise but that her marrage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninty four at the time above stated as will more fully appear by Reference to proof hearunto annexed Sworn to and subscribed to on this 23d day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty nine

Jane herXmark Ennis Nich's. Brewer chief Judge of the Orphans Court/ Anne Arundel County

NOTES:

"Bremans hights" may refer to the Battle of Bemis Heights in NY on 7 Oct 1777, but it is impossible that Leonard Ennis could have been there and also at the Battle of Germantown PA or the Siege of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River.

On 28 Dec 1838 Ann Hollydayoak [Ann Hollydayoke, pension application W9483] certified that Leonard Ennis had served with her husband, Daniel Hollidayoke, for the "great part of the revolutionary war," and that Leonard and Jane Ennis raised two children, Harriet Ennis, then 53, and John Ennis, then 51. On 28 Feb 1839 Jane Ennis stated that her family record in a prayer book was lost when her husband drowned while returning from a funeral at Strawberry Hill.

On an application for bounty land dated 30 May 1855 Jane Ennis gave her age as 94 and her name before marriage as Jane Burk.