Declaration by John Denny concerning his military service in the Revolutionary War
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He was in February, 1833, residing in Guilford County, N. C., aged 75 years, and states that about the middle of December, 1779, or ’80 he was drafted into the Company of Capt. Frost & Lt. Hancock, marched from Rockingham, N. C., directly to Charleston, S. C., where they went into winter quarters, and remained there until April 4th, following when he received his discharge from his Captain and returned home. The next Fall he volunteered under Capt. Andrew Wilson, in which Company he served sometimes, and sometimes in that of Capt. O’Neal. "And was used to counteract the scouting parties sent out by the British while on Dan River, Virginia, and in Rockingham and Guilford Counties,” but does not recollect how long he was thus engaged, probably, however, he thinks, at least two months. In the latter part of June, 1781, he volunteered and marched under Capt. Robert Bell, with other Companies from the neighboring Counties, to join General Greene, at Camden, then over the Wateree to Eutaw Springs and at that place he was engaged in the battle of September 8th, 1781, which commenced early in the morning and very quickly became general. After the battle he was marched with about 300 prisoners of the enemy, to Rowan County, N. C. During the battle his Company was placed under the command of a French Colonel, named, he believed, Malmedy. He was discharged after 3 months service. His rank during his term of duty was as a private.

He was born in Ireland and brought when a child, by his parents to America and he settled in Chester County, Penn., where he lived until 1772, then with his parents moved to N. C., and settled in Guilford County, where since he has been living. In the reorganization of the Continental Army in 1778 and 9 and a more general one in the Fall of 1780 and early in 1781, Regiments and Companies consolidated which changed the officers in command, and some became supernumeraries.