Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Samuel Denny VAS3356 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the third day of March 1784, in the name of Samuel Denny as a Captain of Artillery for £84.10.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 24 day of October 1833.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Northumberland County Virginia

I John H. Fallen do hereby Certify that Capt. Samuel Denny came to this County about the commencement of the Revolutionary War he ware when he came a rich uniform I understood from him that he was in the British Service in Canady abount the commencement of the war (he had left this County when a boy) and not being willing to fight against his Country he made his escape from the British Service he told me that with [undeciphered word] difficulty he got to this Country by the lakes & through the State of Pennsylvania, he entered the service of this Country early in the war I cannot say possably what year but to the best of my recollection it was some time in the year 1776 he Continued in the service until the capture of Corn-wallis at york-town in 1781 [Cornwallis at the siege of Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], he was at the Seige of york, I recollect distinctly of his bringing up a gun that I had loan'd to my Nephew George Lamkin who was in the service at york. Denny was some times engaged in recruiting for the Army

I knew Capt. Denny as well as any Man, he Married my sister soon after he returned from Canady & lived in my neighbourhood he died soon after the war he left no Child I nor any part of my family have any Interest whatever in his Estate

I am now in the Eighty first year of my age I was a Capt. in the Militia service during the revolution Capt. Samuel Denny enter'd the service as a Capt. of Artillery I cannot say whether Continental or State line he was well received by the public in consequence of his leaving the British Service Given under my hand this 16th of November 1833.

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Jno. H. Fallen Sen'r

[Certified by Matthew Lamkin]

Northumberland County Virginia

I John S. Kesterson do hereby Certify that I knew Capt Samuel Denny well I lived in about three fourths of a mile of his half brother [first name undeciphered] Hayney, where I frequently saw him. he was absent from the country at the commencement of the revolutionary war he returned and wore a fine uniform at the time a good deal of [one or two undeciphered words] about it. he entered the service as a Captain of Artillery – he was some time in the neighbourhood recruiting men for the service as a captain of Artillery. I cannot say positively when he entered the service but my opinion is that he must have been from four to five years in the service. he died about the close of the war. Given under my hand this the 20 November 1833.

John S Kesterson

NOTE: The file also contains a copy of military records from March 1776 witnessed by Samuel Denny and an account of Capt. Samuel Denny dated 17 Aug 1779.