

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Dent VAS3357  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Maryland        }  
Anne Arundel County } Ss.

I Eleanor Dent heir at Law of John Dent who was a Soldier in the Virginia Service and who was Commanded by Gen'l [Horatio] Gates, that the said John Dent entered the United States Service 1776 and served to the end of the war and I do upon Oath declare to the best of my knowledge and beleif that the said John Dent never received his Commutation pay or Scrip from the State of Virginia and I further declare that I have never received it or transferred it in any way or manner whatsoever therefore –

Know all men by these presents that I Eleanor Dent widow of John Dent (deceased) aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Richard Owens to my true & lawful attorney to demand & receive from the Secretary of War of the United States all commutation pay and all scrip due me as [undeciphered word] witness my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r 1849

Test/ J. Newlan[?] J.P.

Eleanor herXmark Dent

State of Maryland Howard District  
Anne Arundel County to wit

Be it remembered on this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of said county personally appeared Richard Turner aged about Seventy years of sound mind and of good memory and of good understanding who was duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God. He deposeth and sayeth that he has known John Dent who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and who was attatched to the Virginia line and his Captain Smith, and was attatched to the first Virginia Regiment and was commanded by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and he well knew that the said John Dent served from the beginning of the Revolutionary war to the end thereof in the Virginia line and his reason for knowing the said John Dent was that he received a wound in one of his eyes which deprived him of his sight untill his death in said battle of Yorktown [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and this deponent further states to he the identical John Dent rendered said services in the Virginia line and that the said Eleanor Dent who now makes application for the bounties is the identical widow of the said John Dent who is now living at this time

Richard Turner

Sworn before Benj'n H. Dorsey

To His Excellency

The Governor of the State of Virginia

I forward herewith the papers in the case of John Dent who served from the Commencement to the close of the Revolutionary War (in the service of said Commonwealth of Virginia first under Gen'l Gates and afterward under Gen'l Green) as a private soldier and received a wound ta the Battle of Eutaw Springs in the year 1781 [8 Sep 1781].

I respectfully and earnestly request your Excellency to give the above Claim attention at your earliest convenience in order to its speedy adjustment

I remain your most obedient servant/ Richard Owens agent for the Heirs of John Dent  
PS Please address Richard Owens Annapolis Junction Anne Arundel County Maryland