

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christian Dellinger R2857

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Virginia

Shenandoah County Sct.

On this 16th day of November A.D. 1836 personally appeared before me Absalom Rinker, a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, Christian Dellinger, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged Seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832; That on the first of September 1781, there was a draft made upon the militia of Shenandoah county aforesaid, and that in said requisition he was drafted, and marched from the county of shenandoah aforesaid under Capt. Knall to Yorktown in Virginia, where he was attached to Col. [William] Darke's Regiment, and remained there during the seige of that place, and after the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], he was detailed as one of the guard, to guard the Brithish Prisoners taken at that place, and after guarding them there awhile, he marched as guard to said prisoners to Fredericksburg in Va. and after guarding them there awhile, he marched to the county of shenandoah aforesaid, where he received a discharge for said service in the spring of the year 1782, which discharge has been mislaid or Lost. the Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Christian hisXmark Dellinger

Virginia.

Shenandoah county Sct. [18 Nov 1836]

This day John Keil aged seventy two years, personally came before me, the subscriber, a justice of the Peace in and for said county, and made oath that he has been well acquainted with Christian Dellinger, Subscriber to the declaration hereto annexed, 65 years last past, and knows that the said Christian Dellinger, was a militia soldier, in the Revolutionary army at the seige of Little York in Virginia, as he and said Dellinger were together during said seige, and after the surrender of Cornwallis they marched together (as soon as the necessary preparation were made) to Fredericksburg in V.a. where he the said Keil left said Dellinger, and marched as one of the guard, to a part of the British prisoners that had been taken at York-town in V.a., on to Nolon's Ferry in Loudon county [sic: Noland's Ferry in Loudoun County]; (They also guarded said prisoners from York-town in V.a. to Fredericksburg in V.a. aforesaid,) and that he has no hesitation in saying that he believes the declaration hereto annexed, and subscribed and sworn to by the said Christian Dellinger, is substantially true.

State of virgina } SS

Shenandoah county }

On this 15th day of November A.D one thousand eight hundred & fifty.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the county of Shenandoah and State aforesaid, Christian Dellinger a resident of said county and state, aged eighty six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. he swears that he entered the service of the united states under the following officers, and served as herein stated

Drafted in the county of Shenandoah he left Woodstock in the month of September or October in the year 1781 under the command of Capt George Rinker marched by way of Frontroyal [sic: Front Royal] Fredericksburg and thence to Yorktown va. That after reaching Yorktown he was transfered to Capt

Awl's or All's Company, that he was engaged in Battle for several days or weeks, he also states that he remained with the Army after the capture of Cornwallis and was detailed to guard the prisoners on their march to Winchester va. That he was taken sick at Fredericksburg va. and obtained a furlough and returned home, and did not again join the Army, he further states that in the following spring he received his discharge in the Town of Woodstock va, and that the same with the furlough are lost. he also swears that he knows of no person whos Testimony he can produce who can Testify to his service. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state. Christian hisXmark Dellinger

NOTE: See also Dellinger's statements in support of the pension application of his sister, Christina Coffman, widow of George Coffman (R2102).