Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Engle S38861 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 5 March 2014.

State of Tennessee

Washington County \} This day personally apeared John Egle before us Joseph Britten and Henry King two of the Justice of the peace in & for said county and made oath that he did inlist as a Soldier under Capt. William Dark [William Darke] in the eighth Virginia Regement of what was then called in the Contenantel service in the month of november 1775 [see endnote] and was appointed a Sargent in said company and served as a Sargent for & during the time he inlisted for, which was for two years and was then discharged as a Sargent, by Brigadear Genneral Charles Scot [sic: Charles Scott], But Since has lost said discharg or mislaid it that he now doth not know where it is But expects it got burnt at a time his house got burnt John Engle

Sworn to before us this 24th day of October 1812

State of Tennessee }

Washington County \} This day personally appeared [illegible, but apparently David Great, pension application S38747] before us Joseph Britten and Henry King two of the Justice of the peace in and for said county and made oath that he knew John Engle to do the duty of a Sargent in the Eighth Virginia Regement in the contenantal service from some time in the year 1775 til he was discharged & believes it to be two year or there about David hisXmark Graets

[Also certified by James Range (W310).]

State of Tennessee } April sessions 1818 Washington County }

Be it remembred that on the 23^d day of April 1818 personally appeared in Open Court John Ingle, and in conformity with an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Revolutionary war

and made & subscribed the following declaration on Oath, that is to say that he John Ingle was enlisted into the service of the United States in William Darks company of the Eighth Virginia Regiment in the Revolutionary war in October in the year 1775 and continued in service untill the 12th February 1778 or thereabouts when he was discharged at Vally Forge, that he faithfully served the period of his enlistment which was for two years and obtained an Honourable discharge which he kept for a long space of time untill oweing to an accidental burning of his house the said discharge was by [illegible word] destroyed and that he has always since his discharge from the army resided within the United States and has for thirty years last, past resided within the State of Tennessee & County of Washington and that he never has received any pension from the United State nor has he ever been placed on the list thereof – he further states & declares that he is in needy & necessatous circumstances and is reduced to indigence insomuch that the liberal bounty offered by the government would have a tendency to free him from want in some measure in the decline of his life & health

John Engle

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the day before written [Certified again by David Great.]

District of Washington SS. October Term 1820

ON this sixteenth day of September 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district John Ingle aged seventy four years, resident in Washington in said district,

who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: towit that in the fall of the year 1775 in the County of Bartly [sic: Berkeley] State of Virginia he enlisted into the continental service of the Revolutionary war for two years under Captain William Dark of the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line, commanded by Colonel Bowman [see endnote], and served therein untill February 1778, and was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] White Plains [28 Oct 1776] & German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and heretofore applied for a pension , the date of his declaration is 23^d April 1818 which was allowed him by issueance of certificate No 8244 and of date 22nd March 1819

And I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. To wit nothing but his cloaths which are by law excepted, he has had a wife and one child but both are now dead & he was living one day by means of what he procured the day before by what little labour he was able to perform, until the obtainment of his pension

NOTE: The 8th Virginia Regiment was authorized in Dec 1775, and Capt. William Darke's company was raised in Berkeley County (now in WV) in Feb 1776. The regiment was commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenberg until Feb 1777, when Col. Abraham Bowman superceded him until Oct 1777.