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Jacob Dush. 5/2/56

Declaration.

State of Pennsylvania.) On this twenty-seventh day of November, A.D., 1882, personally appeared  
Centre County, Pa. ) in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting,  
Jacob Dush, a resident of Gregg Township in the County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania,  
aged nearly 80 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his solemn oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of June, 1775, I enlisted near Reading in the company of Captain George Nagle (Nagle and Nagel, N.F.W.), I was enlisted by Lieut. Bower, to serve for one year, as a Rifleman, if not sooner discharged, we marched in August following from Reading, thence to Philadelphia, Allentown, Easton, crossed the river Delaware at Easton, thence through New Jersey direct to Hartford in Connecticut, thence direct to Cambridge near Boston, where we joined the army of General Washington. At the latter, or within about a mile of it, we were reviewed by General Washington and ordered on to Prospect Hill. At the time Captain Nagle's company marched from Reading, we were accompanied by Capt. Ross' rifle company from Lancaster; Capt. Smith's company from Paxton, Dauphin Co., Pa. At Easton, or rather near Boston, a number of the companies joined the Regiment, viz: Capt. Lash's from Northumberland Co., Pa.; Capt. Donald's company from York, Pa. (In the declaration of David Lash, who belonged to Capt. Lash's company, he mentions Capt. Donald's company as belonging to the 1st Rifle Regiment. In the notation appended therewith, his identity is questioned, from this statement of Jacob Dush, which is apparently correct, he confirms that of Lash, that Capt. Donald had command of the company from York county in the above regiment, which accounts for nine Penna's companies belonging to this celebrated rifle Regiment. This famous Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson of Carlisle, of which ten companies were raised in Virginia and ten in Maryland, the remaining companies, as above noted, in Pennsylvania, of which Lash's, later Parr's, was one, the latter company, so stated, was raised in Northumberland county, from among the frontier settlers of the West Branch valley between the mountains of the Shenandoah and the Allegheny, in the year 1763, and was sent to the aid of the British at the battle of Saratoga; Colonel Adam Babbler, Jr., in his journal of the Sullivan Expedition (from a private's Archives), says, "I had seen thirty notches on his gun indicating the number of Indians he had killed. The man occupying this Regiment was expert rifle shot, many of whom later joined Morgan's Riflemen. A muster roll, as well as a history of the Lash-Parr company, and this celebrated Regiment, may be found in the records of Buffalo Valley, J. B. Linn, p. 15-25. The Regiment arrived at Boston shortly following the battle of Bunker Hill. V.P.W.) Captain Donald's company from Carlisle, Pa. The latter company encamped between Cambridge and Roxbury.

We remained in Boston until the 17th of March, 1776, and took the road to New York, passing through Hartford, we lay in New York about two weeks, and then passed over to Long Island and encamped at Gravesend, near a place called, I think, Newark. On the appearance of the British fleet we passed over to New York from thence to Albany, from thence to Milledushew, from thence to Princeton, from thence to Trenton, from thence to Philadelphia by water. At Boston, or near Boston, Captain Nagle was promoted, and Lieutenant Connor took command of the company. The command from some cause or other, which the applicant cannot recollect, afterwards devolved on a man by the name of Harris, the applicant verily believes. At Philadelphia the applicant received his discharge, he thinks, from Captain Harris, but the name of the Captain may have been Chambers. On this point his memory fails him, and he will not be certain as to which of the persons named was then in command of the company. The applicant served his full term of enlistment, viz: One year. The discharge was burnt by accident in the year, 1802, when the house he occupied was consumed.

The Colonel in command of the Regiment was William Thompson of Carlisle; Dr. Wood (later Brigadier General Edward Hand of the Continental Army, V.P.W.) of Lancaster was Lt. Colonel; Robert Mott was Major; ----- Hussucker of Lebanon, Pa., was Adjutant. (Probably Nicholas Hunsberger, who was an officer in Colonel Despard's expedition to Ohio in 1764, for this service he resided on a farm near the mouth of the Chillisquaque creek in Northumberland County, V. P.W.) The names of the officers of the Company at the time the applicant enlisted were; Captain George Nagle, First Lieut. ----- Connor, Second Lieut. either Peter Grub or Peter Spill,

Case Text

In Pursuance of an Act

P. Gordon James Johnston of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania Merchant maketh Oath that the above Ellenor of Philadelphia aforesaid who is of John King is at present Master being a square Headed - - - - - of the City of Philadelphia was built at Philadelphia in the Province aforesaid this present year One thousand seven hundred & thirty five as appears by a former Register now delivered up to be cancelled and that the said James Johnston & Murphy, Agents of Philadelphia aforesaid are at present Owners thereof and that no foreign - - - - - directly or indirectly hath any Share or Part or Interest therein Oath at the City of Philadelphia the third day of May 1738

James Johnston

Which Oath aforesaid was made at Philadelphia the day & year above writ before the Honorable Patrick Gordon Esq. Chief Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania & Counties of Newcastle Kent & Sussex in Delaware.

W. J. H.

and hard bread, the second we went and bought butter, sugar, maple sugar, peaches, so I guess this is made for a supper. We came on a little plant in the room of the house, I suppose, to keep the walls from being so damp. We tried to do it but it failed, so I put their feet so I put them on. We are going to move to Marshall's in the morning.

Nov 28, 1778. Pursuing Monday's going.

Dear

We had a D. L. D. for a stove, it is 7 ans. and we have

Nothing's left and I don't know who to eat corn. Most of the boys are in the field yet. It is a dark dreary day. It has started to rain and is raining this evening. The mud nearly goes over our shoes. We had corn beef, potatoes, beans and hard bread for dinner, or supper we had beans, potatoes, beef stew and hard bread. We stood on the streets at Marville in rain to eat our meals. We expect to be home by New Years. Tonight we are going to sleep on the floor of a building with a fellow by the name of Connor

Bethlehem Oct 28/78

The river last night a rebel battery was shelling us all the time shells bursting all around us Genl. Phil Sheridan sent a force around some 5 miles captured this battery of 5 guns before the Cavalry was all over. The report of Burnside's Army coming last night was only a military report to keep the Inftry boys in good humour. Genl. Burnside is in a tight place himself. Early this A.M. we were moved out of camp to a new one in a bottom under the hill we expected the battle to open this A.M. but up to this time 8 o'clock no signs of it moving camp this A.M. before daylight we pass an Officers Commissary not knowing how far we are going I left the Co. go on, had a boy hold my horse, had a long battle with the Com. a single barrel was laid from the road in mud on each

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE.

To all Whom it May Concern:

This is to Certify, that William A. Blygood, who was enlisted on the 25th day of August, was dismissed, discharged and utterly paid, to serve as a private, was discharged on the fourth day of June, 1865, by the company near Washington, D.C., which holding the grade of private in Co. B, 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry - Philadelphia.

This Certificate is given upon evidence that the original discharge has been lost or destroyed, and in full view of the condition imposed by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1875, that it shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or other allowance, or as evidence in any other case.

Given at the War Department, Washington, D. C. this 21st day of September, A. D. 1899.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

T. O. Davisworth  
Chief Record & Pension Office

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