

Pension Application for William Cornwell or Cornell or Dectus Cornwall

S.35855

BL Wt No. 6994-100 issued to Thomas Russell Assignee-June 24, 1793.

5th Judicial

District of Kentucky

Jefferson County SS.

On this 23d day of July 1879 before me the subscriber senior Judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court and district aforesaid, personally appeared William Cornwell aged fifty eight years resident in the County of Bullitt, in the said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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", that he the said William Cornwell enlisted for the Term of during the War on the 17th day of March 1781 in the County of Orange in the State of New York in the company commanded by Williams Stevens of the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lamb in the line of the State of New York being the Second Regiment of Artillery, on the continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service & the United States until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in Orange County at West Point in the State of New York, that he was in the battle at York in Virginia at the taking of Cornwallis & that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in the need of the assistance of his country for support; & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than what is below sworn to & declared below on the day & year aforesaid.

Jno. P. Oldham esq. Judge

Letter in folder dated February 13, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.35855, it appears that William Cornwell or Cornell, alias Dectus Cornwall, served in 1779 two months as a guide when Stony Point was stormed and in 1780, served three months in Captain McKinstry's Company, Colonel John Malcolm's New York Regiment. He enlisted in Orange County, New York, March 17, 1781, and served as a private in Captain William Stevens' Company, Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Continental Artillery, was at the Siege of Yorktown and served two years & 9 mos.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 23, 1819, at which time he was living in Bullitt County, Kentucky, aged about fifty-eight years.

In 1820, he was living in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and stated that he had been a widower for nineteen years (name of his wife not given), and referred to two daughters aged about twenty-three years and twenty-one years, their names not given. The names of soldier's parents are not stated, and there are no further data as to his family.