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RE: DAVID LAMB---Brother of Catherine Lamb Allison

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
CENTRE COUNTY.

On the twenty-sixth day of November, A.O. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, DAVID LAMB, a resident of Walker Township in the County of Centre aforesaid, aged 79 years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th, 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 when George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of the American Army, he requested the Board of War to furnish him with a Regiment of Riflemen-which was done and commissions issued to the following named persons:

To William Thompson of Cumberland County, Penna (commission title illegible)

To Dr. Hand of Lancaster County, a Lieutenant's Commission.

To Robert McGaw, a Major's Commission.

With eight commissions for Captains whose names the applicant could repeat, if necessary,-among others,-commissions issued to James Chambers of the West end of Cumberland County, and of William Hendricks of the east end of Cumberland County. I enlisted about the 25th of June, 1775 in the Town of Carlisle, Penna. Major Robert McGaw enlisted me, and directed me to join Capt. William Hendrick's Company then in Carlisle.

I joined the company accordingly. About the first of July, same year, Captain Chambers marched his Company to Carlisle where it united with Capt. Hendricks' and about July 4th, they marched from Carlisle together. We crossed the Susquehanna at Harris' Ferry where the town of Harrisburg is now located, and from thence marched to Reading where we joined Capt. Doudle's Rifle Company. The Regiment to which we belonged was the First Rifle Regiment of Pennsylvania. From Reading we proceeded to Easton where we crossed the Delaware River and proceeded through New Jersey to Sussex Court House, where the Companies separated. Hendricks' Company to which this applicant belonged, crossed the Hudson River at Fishkill Ferry and took the road direct to Hartford in Connecticut. From thence, we took the lower road (Capt. Morgan of Virginia, with his Company, taking the upper road) to Boston and halted for

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a short time at Roxbury in sight of Boston. The British Troops were in possession of Boston. We shortly afterwards encamped on a pleasant Green between Roxbury and Cambridge, where we received tents and other camp equipage. Some two or three weeks after our arrival aforesaid, an express from Cape Ann informed General Washington that a number of British vessels were off the harbour. For the purpose of preventing serious consequences, every other man of the Regiment was detached and marched to Cape Ann until the Militia could be collected to defend the place. The applicant marched in this service and remained there for about two weeks. On the return, Benedict Arnold's expedition to Canada was projected. Arnold requested three Companies of Riflemen to accompany him. A draft was made and fell upon Capt. Daniel Morgan, Captain Smith (of Paxton, then Lancaster --now Dauphin Co. Penna) and Capt. Hendricks' Company to which the applicant belonged. We marched from Cambridge Green in Sept. 1775, straight to Newburyport where we embarked on board vessels and from thence went to the mouth of the Kennebeck River in Maine, and up that river as far as it was navigable to a place called Fort Western. Here we went on board batteaux and ascended the River 20 miles to a place called Fort Halifax, where we took on our provisions for the expedition. We then ascended the River till near the mountain where we were obliged to land, and had ten miles to carry our batteaux, provisions and luggage with great labour and fatigue. About three miles from where we left the Kennebeck, we crossed a small lake and encamped on the shore, where our Ensign, Matthew Irwin who was also Surgeon for the three rifle companies, and had care of the medicine chest, sent for me. I called upon him and found him in a deplorable condition from sickness, viz: Rheumatism and Dysentary. It was agreed among the officers that he had better remain there for some time, and the applicant with three others was detailed to attend him. Next morning, we built a cabin and were furnished with provisions. We remained at the encampment until all of the troops had passed us which consisted of two regiments, viz, Arnold's and Enos'. When the troops had all passed, we concluded from a review of our condition which was no very pleasant one, to follow after. We had our batteaux, provisions, baggage and Dr. Irwin to carry. This cost us four trips, the distance of the portage, being three miles. We succeeded in reaching Dead River, which we ascended and encamped, and soon discovered fires above us and learned that Enos' Regiment was turning back for lack of provisions. At this place, two sick riflemen also on their return with a letter from Capt. Hendricks, with a request that if Dr Irwin was unable to proceed and carry his baggage, for us to take him to the inhabited parts. We then descended the Dead River to the portage, aforesaid and procured aid to carry to the Kennebec--then descended the river

to the settlement and procured good quarters for the Doctor, left two men with him (viz: Thomas Pry and Henry McKinney) and with Issac Thompson, the Applicant set off for Camp near Boston. We went by way of Portland, Portsmouth and Newburyport to Camp on Prospect Hill where I arrived the day before Christmas 1775. About this time, General Charles Lee was ordered to take command of the army in Canada. There was a life guard raised for him of 105 men, commanded by Capt. James Greer, Lieut. Taylor, and Ensign Howe. Three of us, viz: Issac Thompson, Thomas Pry and the Applicant requested permission to be placed in the Life Guard that we might have an opportunity of rejoining our Compant in Canada. This was granted.

We left camp on the eighth day of January 1776 and took the road direct to Hartford--from thence to New Haven and to New York. Whilst in New York, the unfortunat news reached us of the death of General Montgomery and the defeat of his troops. General Lee was soon afterwards orderd to the South. We started from New York about the first of February, 1776--passed through New Jersey to Trenton --thence to Philadelphia and Lancaster to Little York where a number of the Yankee troops took sick with the small pox, and were left behind. Those who were able to march (the applicant among them) proceeded onward to Hanover--thence to Tarrytown, Frederickstown and crossed the Potomac at Nowland's Ferry--thence down the river to Leesburgh to Fredericksburg in Virginia at the mouth of the Rappahannoc River and thence eastward to Williamsburg, but before we reached that place, we were met by a deputation from the town who were alarmed in consequence of the troops having had the smallpox among them, and by arrangement, we encamped on James' Island where we lay until a new life guard was enrolled to accompany General Lee further south. We marched back sometime in April 1776 to New York under the command of Captain Greer. We were then ordered to join a rifle regiment on Long Island commanded by Col. James Chambers. We crossed over and joined the Regiment lying between New Ettrick and Flatbush on the south side of the Island where the applicant remained until the expiration of the time for which he was enlisted, viz: one year. On the day he received his discharge, the British Fleet came in sight and anchored opposite the camp. The drums beat to arms, and I joined the ranks and assumed my rifle and continued on duty until the fleet passed up to Staten Island and landed the British troops. There was at that time a new Regiment raising in New York and Long Island to serve for six months. I enlisted in the Company of Captain Thomas Mitchell and joined the Regiment aforesaid commanded by Col. Macolmb. I remained in the Regiment in or about three months until we were driven from Long Island and New York.

The Army being in want of a Waggon-master, I was recommended by Capt. Mitchell to the Quartermaster General, Hugh Hughes as a suitable person and received a warrant of appointment, and performed the duty of wagon-master for three years, or thereabouts during the whole time in the command of General Israel Putnam.

The foregoing is the nature and amount of the applicant's service. He recollects the names of many of the Officers belonging to the army. He saw General Washington at Prospect Hill. He has named already the Officers of his own Regiment. There were eight companies belonging to the Regiment, commanded by Capt. Thomas Chigget, Capt. James Chambers, Captain William Hendricks, Captain Doudel, Capt. Smith. Capt. Ross. Capt. Craig of Northampton and CAaptain Nogle of Reading. He also recollects Capt. Loudon of Northumberland Co., Penna., and Captain Morgan of Virginia who joined the Regiment with his Volunteer Company.

The Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to all pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state..

SIGNED David Lamb

Sworn to and subscribed
the day and year aforesaid.

James Gilliland, Proth

Note: There are three more pages of legal forms which substantiated David Lamb's claim to pension--together with a a death certificate for David Lamb, dated Feb. 12, 1837--leaving a widow who died on March 7, 1845 and no children.

The amount of pension received was \$ 383.33 per annum.

David Lamb and his wife are both buried in the Lick Run Presbyterian Cemetery at Jacksonville, Marion Township, Centre County, Penna. The plot lies adjacent to that of Matthew Allison and his second wife, Catherine Lamb Allison, sister of David Lamb.