

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Thomas Welch VAS1872

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia  
The Petition of Thomas Welch Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 he enlisted as a Soldier in Capt. Thomas Posey's Company belonging to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States for the term of two years which Term he served & obtained his Discharge from General Woodford [William Woodford], that when discharged he was three years employed at Oley Furnace in Pennsylvania where Cannon Ball &c was made for the use of the Army. That sickness & other disappointments prevented his returning to Virginia until the time allowed by Act of Assembly for officers & Soldiers for Auditing their Claims for Depreciation of Pay was expired. Your Petitioner therefore prays that you will consider his case who is really a poor man & direct such allowance of Depreciation of Pay to be given him as he would have been entitled to had he presented his Claim sooner & he shall Pray &c

[Reverse]

Welch's Petition

12<sup>th</sup> of November 1788

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

Reported

Welche's Petition

It appears to your Committee that the Petitioner during the late War enlisted as a Soldier into the Continental service & continued therein the full term of his enlistment: that after his discharge, which was granted him at the northward, he engaged in business at some iron Works in Pittsylvania where he continued absent three years – subsequent to which the Petitioner was prevented from returning to this State until he was precluded from a settlement of his Accounts for pay Depreciation.

It further appears to your committee, that [the image of this document ends at this point]