

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Wade R10985

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Virginia Frederick County: Sgt.

On this 2nd day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Frederick, now sitting, Richard Wade, a resident of the County of Frederick and State of Virginia, aged seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That sometime in the early part of the winter 1780 he entered on board a merchant schooner bound from the court of Alexandria D.C. to Havana, laden with flour etc. that in the cruise said schooner and crew were captured by a British privateer, and taken to an island which he believes was called harbour Island (not certain as to the name of the Island) that the crew were there set at liberty upon parole, from said Island, the Captain of the schooner engaged a passage for himself and crew to the port of Savannah in the State of Georgia, that he then found himself a long distance from home and poor & penniless, he then enlisted under Captain __ Lucas who commanded a company stationed at Savannah aforesaid¹; enlisted for two years, unless sooner discharged, he enlisted about the first or second week in January 1781, and continued in said Company until after Cornwallace [Cornwallis] surrendered at Yorktown Virginia, that he was as he believes in said service from nine to eleven months, that he had a printed discharge, which has been lost or misplaced, that he knows of no person by whom he can prove said service, -- and must depend for evidence upon the Records in the War office, -- that he was born in Charles County in the State of Maryland, returned to the said County after the expiration of the Service aforesaid remained there until about the year 1784, then came to Frederick County in the State of Virginia, and have resided in said County ever since, -- There were in the vicinity of Savannah in the State of Georgia aforesaid other Companies besides Captain Lucas's, he cannot be certain in his recollection about Field officers, he is certain that whilst he was stationed at Savannah aforesaid General Wayne and General Greene were there occasionally, Colonel McIntosh and Major Abersham [sic, Habersham] were commanding officers in that neighborhood, -- He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, whatsoever or annuity except the present, and

¹ The veteran statement that he enlisted in the Army in Savannah in January of 1781 casts doubt on his service insofar as Savannah was in the possession of the British in January 1781. The British did not evacuate Savannah until July 11, 1782.

declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State –
S/ Richard Wade, X his mark

State of Virginia County of Frederick: Sct

On this the 3rd day of March 1837 personally appeared in open Court, before the The justices of the County Court of Frederick now sitting Harrison Wade a resident of the County aforesaid, aged ___ years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 15th May 1828 or the Act passed on the 7th of June 1832 --

That he is the son of Richard Wade deceased who was a soldier of the War of the Revolution: that he is satisfied he is the only heir now living of said Wade: that his Father as he has always understood was for some months engaged in active service with the militia of Maryland: that later during the war he was employed upon some ship & was taken prisoner by the British & removed to the South, that whilst he remained in captivity he was treated with great harshness & cruelty by his captors for the reason that he would not engaged in pairs service, [indecipherable word or words] which they made him many magnificent promises: that he rejected with scorn all their importunities & after suffering much made his escape he thinks to Georgia, this must have been about 1780 or 81: that there he enlisted for 5 years or during the war, that he remained in service until he was honorably discharged, that his discharge is either on file with the Department will has been lost --

That his father before his death and on the 2nd day of June 1834 made his declaration before the County Court of Frederick County to which he makes reference for a description of said service & the officers names. Some time afterward the claim was suspended in order that he might give the name of the Colonel under whom he served, but being very old & enfeebled in health & living nearly twenty-two miles from the residence of the attorney who prosecuted his claim your petitioner is of the impression that nothing more was done with it: though he has every reason to believe that he could have given the name of all his officers, & thereby corrected them to hard evidence of his service for as he was in the regular service that [indecipherable word] the service all certainly to be matter of record --

That he is unable of his own knowledge to give any additional particulars, but he has often during the lifetime of his father heard him speak of a Colonel Lisle & Col. Chiles or Childs, but whether they were in the militia or not he cannot say --

That so long a time has lapsed since the time of the Revolution, that it is impossible at this late day to prove the service of his father by parole testimony, but he feels and assurance amounting almost to a conviction that there must be some record evidence of his service & he hopes that the declaration made by his father during his lifetime may be taken as an exhibit to this declaration & in view of the fact that it is the only [indecipherable word] of your petitioner who is very poor, a thorough examination may be made of the rolls on file at the Department.

That his father Richard Wade died on the 18th day of November 1840, leaving at the time of his death the following children Harrison Wade and Brent [? very faint and difficult to discern] that his brother is dead & that he is the only living child of said Richard Wade, that his mother died some years before his father.

Your petitioner lastly prays that this declaration may receive a liberal & thorough examination at your hands: that he is poor & way down by the weight of years & a little he believes to be due good smooth his pathway to the tomb & he trusts it may be allowed him.

S/ Harrison Wade