

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Wages R10993

Mary

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District of Kentucky Morgan County Sct.

On this 5th day of September 1825 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Morgan the same being a court of Record made so by express Statute, Benjamin Wages aged Eighty-four years the 15th day of March next Resident in Morgan County (formerly Floyd County) in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, Enlisted by Colonel William Washington and commanded by Colonel William Washington in the company commanded by Captain John Sumpter in the Virginia & Maryland Cavalry, That he enlisted in the first of the Revolutionary War – During the war and served his time out, and at the termination of the War, he received his regular discharge from Colonel William Washington for the faithful Discharge of his Services in the revolutionary war, but from the length of time and the many great misadventures of Life has lost the same. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit, one horse worth \$30, 2 cows and one calf \$10, 5 head of shoats worth \$2.50, Amounting in all to \$42.50 and that I have no children living with me, my wife is 64 years old. I am by Occupation a farmer and unable to labor much through age and Infirmity, having been wounded in my left arm in 3 places and in each thigh in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Benjamin Wages, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 5th day of September 1825 before the Morgan County Court

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State of Kentucky Floyd County

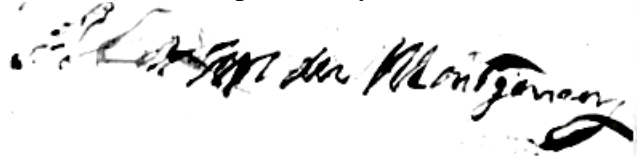
The following is the depositions of Alexander Montgomery¹ and Peter Sullivan² taken to prove the services Enlistment &c of Benjamin Widgas [sic] an old revolutionary soldier in order to enable him to obtain a pension under the several acts of Congress allowing pensions to

¹ FPA S36172

² [Peter Sullivan W3736](#)

Revolutionary Soldiers

1st Alexander Montgomery after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement respecting his knowledge of the enlistment and services of the said Benjamin Wages. I Alexander Montgomery do solemnly swear that I was well acquainted with the said Benjamin Wages in the Army of the Revolutionary war that I do know that the said Benjamin Wages was and Enlisted soldier in the service of the United States in the first Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Washington in the years 1777 & 1778 as well as this Deponent recollects that I do know that the said Benjamin Wages did serve in said Regiment under an enlistment for upwards of one year that I do know that the said Benjamin Wages was with Colonel Washington in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs and I do know that the said Benjamin Wages was wounded in three places by a sword in the left arm and two other wounds one in his right thigh and the other in his left knee by a Bayonet and that the said Benjamin Wages was then in consequence of said wounds confined in a hospital and before he was able to perform any further duty I was marched from that place and never seen him anymore until after he was discharged that Mr. Wages in the County where he lived after he was discharged was celebrated as a Brave man in the Army report said while the enemy had his Bayonet in his thigh Mr. Wages had his brains out with his pistol and further this Deponent sayeth not.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alexander Montgomery". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

here also follows the Deposition of Peter Sullivan taken at the same time and place for the purposes above mentioned who after being duly sworn according to law doth make the following statement on oath Respecting his knowledge of the enlistment services &c of Benjamin Wages in the Army of Revolutionary war. I Peter Sullivan do swear that I was well acquainted with the said Benjamin Wages in the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolutionary War some time in or about the year 1777. That I do know that he was an enlisted soldier in Colonel Washington's first Regiment of Cavalry of horse that I do know that the said Benjamin was enlisted for the term of enduring the war and did serve in said Regiment for upwards of 2 years under one and the same enlistment. That I was with him in the Battle of Cambridge or Ninety Six. I do know that said Benjamin Wages did received several wounds from the Enemy which I have frequently seen while in the service of the United States and further this Deponent sayeth not.

S/ Peter Sullivan, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Morgan County Sct

On this 3rd day of September 1827 Benjamin Wages exhibited the following as his additional statement and Declaration in order to obtain a pension under the Acts of Congress allowing pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers –

1st The following are my reasons for not making Earlier application for a pension is as follows I had a printed discharge from under the hand of Colonel William Washington which I received at the close of my discharge in the Revolutionary war I still thought that discharge was in the possession of one of my sons in the extreme northern parts of the State of Indiana; I left it with him in the State of Virginia and moved from there to the State of Indiana, and I still expected he had it until I went a journey of a considerable distance of about 300 miles to get but he said it

had got lost or discharged. I thought my discharge was the best evidence of my services and I did not know of any person in this Country by whom I could prove my service until lately. I did go on another journey of about 300 miles into the State of Virginia to procure the evidence of 2 men with whom I had served But before I got there they had moved into the State of Alabama as I was then informed – and I failed to procure their evidence which rendered me unable to prove my services sooner. My family consists of myself and wife above named Mary aged about seventy-three years who is unable to contribute anything to her or my support. That since the year 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. At that time I owned only one horse beast which I swapped for the one I now have with a traveling man by the name of Willson I think the horse beast I got which I have rendered an account of in my Schedule is of more value than the one I let go for her I got about the same number of cattle and hogs that I now have I have killed the old cattle and hogs and have raised some sense and killed for the support of my family I have sold none. These I have now is the proceeds of those I then had, I have raised a small crop of corn through difficulty near every year since but never more than I consumed in my family and frequently not enough – my occupation is that of a farmer but from age and infirmity I am unable to pursue it any longer.

S/ Benjamin Wages³

[fn p. 13: On January 3, 1845 in Morgan County Kentucky, Mary Wages, 102 years old, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Wages, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him in Rowan County North Carolina in 1779 or 1780; that she has no record of her marriage and knows of no person living by whom she can prove the marriage; that she is illiterate and No record of the family; that her husband died June 8, 1844; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 8: On March 6, 1850 in Logan County Kentucky, Moses Wages, 56 year old next June 11 filed a claim in his capacity as the administrator of the estate of Mary Wages, the widow of Benjamin Wages, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she departed this life March 19, 1849 and that she remained the widow of Benjamin Wages up to the day of her death; that the said Benjamin and Mary Wages left the following natural children as their legal heirs and representatives: William Wages, Elizabeth Holeyfield, John Wages, Rebecca Womble & the deponent, Moses Wages; that he, Moses Wages was born June 11, 1794; that his siblings William, Elizabeth and John are all older than himself; that he understood from his parents that they were married in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1779 or 1780; that they lived together as man and wife until the death of Benjamin; that his mother Mary Wages was upon his best information over 106 years old when she died.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 9, 1828 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

³ I think the signature of the veteran was made by the scribe, and not by the veteran. The handwriting for the entire document is identical, to my eye.