

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wagstaff R10998

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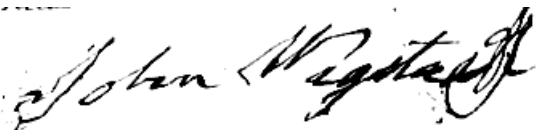
State of Virginia Mecklenburg County:

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Wm Bushell, Erasmus Kennon, Abram Kern & Thomas Workman the court of Mecklenburg now sitting John Wagstaff a resident of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, aged eighty years, who 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 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 January in the year 1781 he resided in Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, he was there drafted, detailed to march in the lower part of Virginia, he rendezvoused at Speed's Church in said County, and from thence, (under the command of Colonel Robert Munford, Colonel David Stokes and Captain James Hall, he marched to Portsmouth in Virginia, and there joined Colonel Downman [may be Lt. Col. Raleigh or Rawleigh Downman] and Major Duval, from thence he marched to a place called Jericho, from thence he marched back to Portsmouth, and remained in the vicinity of Portsmouth, until he received information that his family was sick, he then hired a substitute, who served the residue of his tour [tour] of three months, and he the said John Wagstaff returned home.

In the month of September in the same year, he was again drafted and detailed to march to the lower part of Virginia, he marched under the command of Colonel Lewis Burwell, Major Henry Walker, Captain William Jeffries & Captain Elijah Graves he marched to Hog Island on James River, and there crossed said River, and from thence marched to Williamsburg in Virginia, and from thence he marched to Gloucester County in Virginia, and there joined General Weden [George Weedon or Weeden], and was there stationed when the British Army surrendered at Yorktown, he was there discharged and returned home in November in the same year. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, he has no documentary evidence of his having the service, or of his having been discharged from the service & that he served 6 months in all.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



Mecklenburg County: SS

This day Obadiah Coleman came before me Joseph R Clausel a justice of the peace for the said County and made oath that he has known John Wagstaff for many years, that he thinks he is 80

years of age, and that he served a tour of duty in the militia with the said John Wagstaff in the Revolutionary war, and was with him, when the British Army was captured at Yorktown, and that he knows that the said John Wagstaff, had before that he served a tour of duty in the militia, and that the said John Wagstaff is a respectable man, and deserving of credit, and that the said Obadiah Coleman¹ is blind and from old age and infirmities cannot attend court. Given under my hand the 15th day of November 1832.

S/ J. R. Clausel, JP

¹ There is no listing for a man by this name as a claimant for a federal pension for service in the revolution from the state of Virginia or elsewhere.