

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Pleasant Waid [Wade] R11000

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### Pleasant Wade's Declaration<sup>1</sup>

State of Virginia and  
County of Greenbrier} S S

On this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful the Court of Greenbrier County now sitting Pleasant Wade a resident of said County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia aged seventy three 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated – That he was born in the County of Hanover Virginia about the year 1759 and during infancy removed with his parents into Henrico County State of Virginia, where he entered the service The first campaign in obedience to a Draft for Militia under Captain Robert Price and Colonel Southal [Southall] and Major Prosser [perhaps Thomas Prosser of the Henrico militia] and was in service but a short time under this call and dismissed without receiving any regular certificate of discharge – He further states that his local situation, with regard to the Scene of War was such as Subjected him to repeated calls for short periods of time. He shortly after received a second call under Captain Richardson and during such term of service he was in a slight engagement near Turkey Island Bridge below Richmond That he frequently substituted for others from time to time during the Revolution but does not now recollect their names nor the precise date And tho He cannot now recollect particularly the various Campaigns in which he served the officers in command in each call yet he states that he served during the whole war either in obedience to calls upon himself as a militiaman or as a Substitute, with the exception of short intervals. That he recollects well to have served in obedience to a Six month draft Just preceding the close of the war – and during that campaign he was engaged in the Battle of York Town Virginia [October 19, 1781, the British surrendered] That he does not recollect the names of his officers during this last campaign, no [nor] can he form an Exact idea of how long he served but believes it was not less in the whole than two years and a half at the close of the Revolution he volunteered to go against the Indians and served altogether near three years in this service under the following officers Capt Clendenan Capt Shaw Capt Caperton and Capt Mann all this was in the Western & North Western part of Virginia – the Battles in which he was engaged was first a Slight engagement at a point about twelve miles below Richmond – the Battle at Turkey Iland Bridge [sic] before mentioned, And the

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<sup>1</sup> The original of this document is in the Archives of the Greenbrier Historical Society. It is NOT included among the documents in the federal pension records.

Battle of York Town – In this he was immediately under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] whose forces he Joined at Raccoon Ford – Washington was the chief Commander – He has no recollection of receiving regular discharges if so he has lost them as he knows nothing of them at present – the County through which he marched was generally Eastern Virginia & below tied Water – He was a part of his time under General La Fayette [Lafayette] while he was in Virginia He recollects none of the names of the Continental regiments with which he served that he has no documentary evidence of his services in possession no [nor] does he Know of any one now living who can testify to his services whose testimony he can procure – he hereby relinquishes every claim Whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares, that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State – Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Pleasant Wade, ≈ his mark

We Thomas Creigh and Robert Stephen both of the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia do hereby certify that we all well acquainted with Pleasant Wade who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy three years of age, that he is a replicable man and entitled to full credit. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Creigh

S/ Robt Stephen

State of Virginia Greenbrier County} SS

On this first day of April 1834 Personally appeared before me Henry Erskine a Justice of the peace in and for said County Pleasant Waid of said County and State aforesaid aged Seventy five 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. 1<sup>st</sup> That he entered the service as a substitute for one Thomas Mathews in the County of Henrico & State of Virginia for one month under Capt. Robt Price [Robert Price] and was marched to Williamsburg he thinks in the year 1776 and in the fall of that year and was stationed at Williamsburg for one month that he was in no engagement while he was in this service. That he was discharged at Williamsburg that he received no regular discharge but was told to go home a relief having come.

2<sup>nd</sup> Shortly afterwards he was called on to go and Serve a tour for himself and that he was drafted or detailed in the said County of Henrico and was put under the command he thinks of One Capt. Sharp and marched to Williamsburg he thinks this time he was detailed for three months and he served three months but from old age and loss of memory he cannot tell positively whether it was three months or less and from the same cause he cannot now recollect his General & field Officers he states there was no engagement this tour & that he was discharged from service after he had served out his tour that he received no written discharge that [he] recollects of

3<sup>rd</sup> He again (he thinks) in the year 1777 substituted for the above named Thomas Mathews in said County of Henrico and was put under the command of \_\_\_ was marched to Williamsburg & was stationed there and served out his tour and was discharged from said service but does not recollect of receiving any written discharge from old age & loss of memory he cannot now recollect his officers & does not recollect of any engagement while on this tour. He served out his tour & thinks it was three months.

4<sup>th</sup> He again entered the service by draft about one year afterwards to serve a three month tour for himself in the said County of Henrico and was marched to Sandy Point on James River

and was stationed at said Point and served out his tour there and while there the Army engaged a British vessel that was aiming to go up the James River and took her with some prisoners and that he was discharged after having served out his tour which he knows was three months. In fact he thinks that all the tours after the first were three months as he well recollects. That objections were made to only one months at a time as it consumes so much time in going and returning and from old age and loss of memory he cannot state any of his Officers he recollects that there were only two companies at Sandy Point and no Field officers.

5<sup>th</sup> He was again detailed at the time Arnold [Benedict Arnold] took Richmond and served a tour at that time and was under Capt. Richardson and was kept reconnoitering through the counties of Henrico and Hanover and as Arnold left Richmond there was an attack on his vessels as he was going down James River at Turkey Island Bridge. But he thinks there was but little damage done on either side. That he recollects of some of the Americans being wounded. That he thinks General La Fayette [Lafayette] commanded the Army about Richmond at that time – that he was discharged in Richmond after having served his three months tour.

6<sup>th</sup> He was afterwards detailed and sent with the horses belonging to the Public up the Country from Richmond to aid in taking care of Said Horses – and was Stationed for that purpose on James River in Cumberland County and was engaged in that service three months.

7<sup>th</sup> In the year that Cornwallis was taken [1781] he was again detailed in said County of Henrico to serve another tour and was marched to Morbin Hills [Malvern Hill in Sussex County] about fifteen miles below Richmond and while there was joined by General Washington But as the main Army had not arrived from the North Washington and La Fayette retreated before the British Army until they met the main Army at Raccoon Ford on the Rappahanoc [Rappahannock River] under the command he thinks of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. Then the Army turned and made the British retreat back to their Shipping but after marching a short distance from the Raccoon Ford he was discharged on account of sickness he was one month & a half in service at this time.

8<sup>th</sup> After he got better and returned home he again substituted and served six months for Thomas Mathews and was marched on to York and was at the siege there, the firing had commenced before he got there. After Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] he was marched to Portsmouth and remained there for some time and was then marched to Richmond and there discharged in the month of March following That he did not serve out his entire six months but that it could not lack more than One month of the time and thus ended his revolutionary services.

9<sup>th</sup> He removed to the County of Greenbrier he thinks in 1784 and remained in said County until the spring of 1788 and then enlisted for six months to guard the frontier settlements against the Indians and was put under the command of Capt. William Clendenan [William Clendenin?] – Alexander Clendenan [Alexander Clendenin?] was his Lieut. and was stationed at a Fort at the mouth of Elk River on the Kanawha [River] were Charleston [West Virginia] now stands and served out his six months of the enlistment. The next spring following he again enlisted and served at the same fort Six months more under the said Clendenans – and the next spring the same in all under Clendenans he served Eighteen months. During this service he was stationed in the Fort at the mouth of Elk Except when reconnoitering up & down the River to watch the movements of the Enemy. That in the year 1793 the Spring of that year he entered the Service again under Capt. Moses Mann and was stationed at the mouth of the Kanawha on the Ohio River – and while in this Service he was Attacked by the White Swelling in Consequence of which he was discharged before his time was quite out But he is Satisfied he Served at least five months.

Sworn and subscribed before me  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April  
S/ Henry Erskine, JP

S/Pleasant Waid, X his mark

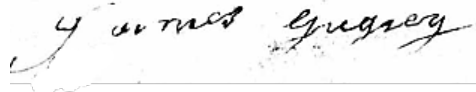
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State of Virginia  
Greenbrier County} SS

Be it known that on this first day of April 1834 before me Henry Erskine the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared James Gregory aged 83 years who being duly Sworn according to Law States that he is well acquainted with Pleasant Waid that at the time said Waid was in Service on the Kanawha River under Capt. William Clendenan that he was living on the Kanawha at the time Pleasant Waid was in said Service and well recollects of his having Served two Summers in the Fort at the mouth of Elk

Sworn to & subscribed  
before me this date above  
S/ Henry Erskine, JP

S/ James Gregory

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Gregory", written over a horizontal line.

Qt. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Hanover County I believe in the year 1759

Qt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have not and only know my age from Information of my Parents

Qt 3 Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in the County of Henrico when called into the service of the Revolution and in Greenbrier County when called against the Indians and now live in Greenbrier County

Qt. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was always drafted it having come to my turn only as stated the times I substituted for Thomas Mathews the last service it will be Seen I enlisted

Qt. 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I have given as full a Statement in my declaration as I Can recollect. From old age and loss of memory I cannot give any better statement that I have given in my declaration

Qt. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. If I did receive a discharge I do not now recollect it and if I ever had a discharge I cannot tell what has become of it.

Qt. 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Thomas Perry and John Hampongstall can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Pleasant Waid, O his mark

[Thomas Perry and John Haptonstall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia  
Greenbrier County} S S

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared before me Henry Erskine a Justice of the peace in and for said County Pleasant Waid whom made a declaration on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1834 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 And has made the following Amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of said recited I hacked

He states that from Old age and loss of memory that he does not know that he can give any further Statement that he has given in his declaration of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1834. In that declaration he states 1<sup>st</sup> one month – 2<sup>nd</sup> three months He recollects of being detailed for three months and believes he served the three months but to be Sure he is willing this Service to be placed at two months And in that length of time he is well Satisfied he did served. The 3<sup>rd</sup> tour he feels well satisfied it was three months. And what Strengthens his belief is that it was alleged that a less Service than three months was objected to As it required so much time to go and return. All the other tours he states he cannot throw any further light on the Service he performed. He states that as to Capt. Sharp being still living, He does not know but if he is his old Age and infirmity would preclude the possibility of his going to see him to get his testimony And he knows not where to find him. On these statements he must rest his Claims to be disposed of as the department may think proper. He states he left Henrico County about fifty years [ago].

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me the date above

S/ Henry Erskine, JP

S/ Pleasant Waid,

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Pleasant Waide [sic] Virginia Rejected—See Mr. Singleton's report Enclosed  
Set 16 Mar 35—Co. Clerk

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Pleasant Waide [sic] – Applicant –

I the undersigned Pleasant Waide being called on by W. G Singleton agent of the Commissioner of Pensions for a narrative of my Service as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and Statement of my age give the following to Wit – I was born in February 1759. All [?] a Native of Henrico County – & lived there during the War of the Rev. & Settled in Green brier [Greenbrier] County 51 yrs ago – I think it was in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of age – (my Father had given me up to shift for myself) perhaps in the year 1780 – I Substituted in the place of Thomas Matthews for one month, marched from Henrico County under Captain Matthew Price, to Williamsburg – I can't tell who commanded at Williamsburg nor who was my Colonel, I think there were some Six or eight Companies at Williamsburg – I Served out this time & returned home. This service was done in the fall of the year – in the next succeeding summer, – I was drafted but can't tell for what length of time – but suppose for 3 mo – marched from Same County (I can't tell under what officer or officers) to Williamsburg there Joined the Army can't tell who commanded at Williamsburg – nor the number of the Regt. the name of my Colonel, Major or Adjutant. – Nor how long we remained at Williamsburg – or in service. I don't know whether there was a General in command. – "I believe I went to Little York in this tour, but am

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<sup>2</sup> Special thanks to C. Leon Harris for his help in deciphering Singleton's scribble in the following documents.

not shure [sure?] of it” – I was honour [honorably] dismissed at Williamsburg but cannot say how long I was in service but suppose 3 mo

In the next Summer, I was drafted again, don’t know for what length of time, marched from same County to Sandy Point, can’t remember the names of my officers, Nor [?] the names of any of the officers at Sandy Point – don’t who [know] who commanded there I don’t know how long I was in service this time, but Suppose for 3 months.

After the last preceding tour, (I can’t tell how long) I Substituted for one Thomas Matthews, went from same County to Williamsburg & to the Siege of York – I can’t tell the name of any one of my officers – the number of the Regt. to which I was attached or the name of my Colonel – after the Siege was over I marched to Portsmouth thence to Richmond – and was there discharged. I don’t know how long I was in service this time, but perhaps five [?] <sup>3</sup> months – “I can’t tell how much Service I done in all” but think I must have been in service for “Some Six, nine or twelve months. Henry Erskine wrote my Declaration. I told him the same in substance I now tell – I cannot prove my Services – I think the siege of York lasted – for ten days. I was there all the term– In Witness of all which I here to subscribed my name  
January 19, 1835

S/ Pleasant Waid, X his mark

Witness

Wm R. Woods

A Copy – W. Singleton

Memo – The Declaration in this case was made before a Justice –Waide admitted that he was able at the time of making his Declaration to go to the County Seat – Waide complained to the undersigned of loss of memory. On inquiring into that fact, I learned from Mr. Thompson and others that Waid is proverbial for his Strength of memory. – The neighbourhood opinion is decidedly against him – his original Declaration alledges that he was 23 mos. in service – I am Satisfied he is an imposter

S/ W. G. Singleton



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