

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Theodosius Welch R11296

Sarah

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes

On this 7th day of May A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within & for the County & State aforesaid Sarah Welch aged ninety-seven years a resident of the County & State aforesaid, But from the infirmities of old age together with a hurt she recently received by a fall, she is unable to travel to Court, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 3rd of February 1853 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Theodosius Welch who was a private enlisted soldier in the War of the Revolution against Great Britain as her said husband stated to her & others. That he first enlisted for the term of two years about the commencement of said war under the command of Captain Dickerson or Captain John Graves of Culpeper County in the Virginia Continental line and that a man by the name of Thornwell enlisted at the same time with him and after having served faithfully the two years, he reenlisted for during the war & said he was in many Battles & made mention of the Battles of Eutaw Springs, Camden, Guilford & last of all at the Surrender of Cornwallis at little York where he stated he received an honorable discharge. As she cannot prove the service of her said husband by witnesses they all being dead, she begs the pension Department to have reference to the Rolls where she expects he can be identified from his own name, Theodosius, and the name of Thornwell & one Leonard Ziglar<sup>1</sup> served with him. She further declares that she was married to the said Theodosius Welch on the 20th day of May 1807 in Stokes County North Carolina by John Evans a Justice of the peace that her name before the marriage was Sarah Jones. That her said [husband] died on the 6th day of January A.D. 1821 at his residence in Stokes County North Carolina. That she was not married to him prior to 1800 January the 2nd but that the marriage took place at the time above stated, She further declares that she is still his widow. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above mentioned.

S/ Sarah Welch, X her mark

State of North Carolina County of Forsyth: SS

Be it known that on this 10th day of July A.D. 1857 before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County & State aforesaid personally appeared James Ziglar aged eighty-seven years last January a respectable Citizen of said County and highlighted respected as a person of credibility & truth, who being sworn according to law to declare what he may know concerning

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<sup>1</sup> [Leonard Ziglar W4107](#)

the service of Theodosius Welch as a Soldier in time of the War of the Revolution Depoeth & Saith that he was acquainted with the said Theodosius Welch in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in time of the Revolutionary War and when he enlisted with several others his neighbors in said County viz. Wm Pinnegar or Binnegar or some [such] spell[ing], with one of the Flinchams and others that went in the Service of the United States & served that time out & deponent thinks it was the term of eighteen months or two years. Leonard Ziglar an uncle of this deponent enlisted about the same time, Welch, Pinnegar & Flincham or Fincham returned home & enlisted again he thinks the first enlisted in the year 1775 or 76 & served to the South the officers names not recollected after the War ended Theodosius Welch returned to Culpeper County Virginia & remained there about ten or a dozen years – then took this identical same Sarah Welch who has made application for bounty land No. 276.034 under the act of 3rd March 1855 her former name was Sarah Jones and removed to Stokes County North Carolina where Deponent was informed they were married about the year 1807 by one John Evans Esquire, he thinks they enlisted the said Welch & others in the Virginia Continental line or United States Regulars he don't [know] which, but they were gone several years in the Service. None but Welch, Pinnegar & Flincham & Leonard Ziglar returned home; the others having died or were killed in battle as they reported that they had been in many battles &c. Sworn to & subscribed the date first above mentioned before me.

S/ John A. Styers, JP

S/ James Ziglar, X his mark

[fn p. 8: The clerk of the Stokes County court certified that a blank marriage bond was signed by Theodosius Welch and David Poindexter on May 19, 1807 for the marriage of Theodosius Welch to Sarah Jones.]