

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wells R11312

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State of Tennessee Sevier County state Only directly the by: On this 9th Day of July 1835 [could be 1836] personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County of Sevier now sitting the same being a court of record a resident of said County and State aged seventy-two years who first being 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 7th of June 1832.

That he resided in Rowan County State of North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) he entered the service about the first of April 1781 together with his father as a volunteer in the militia Company commanded by Captain William Lopp of the North Carolina militia for a tour of three months against the Tories said Company rendezvoused at the Cross roads near Spakers [?] in said County at whose house the Tories were in the habit of assembly where they remained the greater part of their term of service to keep down the Tories occasionally scouring the Country to prevent them from assembling & embodying at the expiration of his term of service he & his father missed were dismissed by that Captain and returned home on their return they found they could not remain there in safety on account of the Tories and in the month of August 1781 it was concluded by himself and father that they could be of no service to the family under the then existing circumstances & that they would be safer with the Army they therefore determined to enlist and in that month declarant and his father enlisted with a recruiting officer as he now thinks by the name of Carrol and as he believes for one year in the North Carolina State Troops though as he was young and the business transacted by his father he is not certain as to the term of enlistment or whether it was in the regular Army of the United States he listed in the Company of Captain Wade in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Wade on his enlisting was marched to Anson County North Carolina and joined his Regiment and that County at a place called Mount Pleasant from there they were marched to Cheraw in South Carolina and there body of troops one of the Companies was commanded by Captain Ellesbee of South Carolina from there they were marched to the I Hills of Santee where they joined the General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] shortly after joining him they marched up the Country & crossed the Wateree River below Camden he continued with General Greene until the Army reached the Eutaw Springs and was in that Battle. After the Battle General Greene went in pursuit of the

British towards Moncks Corner in the Regiment of declarant was ordered up the Country they moved up and recrossed the Wateree not far from Camden and encamped near that place not far from pine tree Creek and were employed between Camden & Charlotte in North Carolina in watching the Tories (particularly a Tory Captain by the name of Bryant) & preventing the Tories of the up Country from communicating with the British a part of their time they were in York South Carolina and Mecklenburg North Carolina they being in the latter County as declarant believes in the month of August 1782 (and after as he now thinks the British Commander in Charleston had proposed a cessation of hostilities) at an encampment near Charlotte in North Carolina were discharged by their Captain Wade he is not certain whether he was discharged on account of his term of service having expired or whether his services were no longer required but thinks his time of service had expired his father took his own & the discharge of declarant into his possession and kept them until about two years after when his father's house was burned and all his papers among which was their discharges at the time of his enlistment he received a bounty of five dollars and after being in service between three & four months he and his father received three months pay which they transmitted to the family which was all they ever received.

He was born in Rowan County State of North Carolina from the information of his parents on the 15th of February 1764 and lived there until the close of the war he moved from there to Chesterfield in the State of South Carolina from there to Kershaw in the latter State from there to Blount County State of Tennessee and now lives in Sevier County Tennessee.

He recollects Colonel Washington of the Cavalry Colonel Lee Colonel Wade Hampton General Marion and Colonel Campbell of the Virginia line and he believes that his Regiment belonged to the Brigade of General Sumner. He has no documentary evidence of his service his discharge having been burnt as before stated and does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service --

Quest 1 Where were you born

Ans. In Rowan County State of North Carolina

Quest 1 Have you any record of your age

Ans. I have none

Quest. 3 Where were you living when you were called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live

Ans. I was born in Rowan North Carolina lived there when I entered the service I have lived since the revolution in Chesterfield and Kershaw South Carolina in Blount in Tennessee and now live in Sevier in the latter State

Quest 4 How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

Ans. The first tour I served I volunteered my last service was as a listed soldier

Quest 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Ans. General Grain, Colonel William Washington and Colonel Lee of the regulars Colonel Hampton General Marion Colonel Campbell & Captain Ellerbee

Quest 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Ans. I received no discharge for the tour I served as a volunteer I received one for time I enlisted from Captain Wade which was burnt in my father's house

Quest 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood &

who can testify as to your character for veracity & their Belief of your Service as a Soldier of the revolution

Ans. Reverend Elijah Rogers and John Hatcher Esquire

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 any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid

Q. A. Miller, Clerk

S/ George Wells

[Elijah Rogers (a regular minister of the Gospel) and John Hatcher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: on May 7th, 1855 in Sevier County Tennessee, George Wells, 89, filed for his bounty land entitlement.]

[facts in file: veteran was the son of "Barnaba Welles"; name of his mother not stated; nor is there any other information regarding his family in the file.]

[Veterans claim for a pension was rejected for failure to prove the required 6 months service; his application for a bounty land grant, however, was granted and he received 160 acres.]