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Pension application of John Wentz R11326

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North Carolina

John Wentz, Private in the U. S. Army

Inscribed on the North Carolina roll¹ of invalid pensioner's, at \$3 per month and increased to \$4.80 by act 24th of April 1816.

Formal certificate of pension issued 27 May 1822 and sent to pensioner, at Charlotte, N. C.

Invalid

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Application for a new certificate

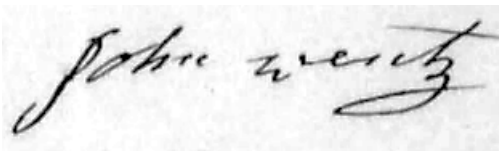
State of North Carolina County of Mecklenburg

On this 27th day of February 1822; before me, the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Mecklenburg personally appeared John Wentz on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Beaver in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ (name not recollected) his Major's name was White, in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of North Carolina but has never received a formal Certificate and now wishes to receive one.

Sworn & subscribed to, before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Wentz

S/ William Davidson, JP



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May 1st 1822

To Mr. J. L. Edwards, Chief Clerk &c.

Sir, Please to forward my certificate on to Charlotte Mecklenburg County N. C. as soon as possible and in so doing you will very much oblige your friend &c.

¹ This veteran was a pensioner of the United States, not the state of North Carolina. This note indicating that he was "inscribed on the North Carolina roll" merely indicates that he was paid by the federal agency in North Carolina. It does not mean that he was paid by the state of North Carolina. But see the supplemental materials provided by Sanford L. Steelman, Jr., which indicates that prior to being pensioned by the U. S., Wentz was granted a disability pension by the State of North Carolina based on an application he filed in 1802.

Sir be so condescending as to let me know if I have anything particular to do after I received my Certificate before I can received my money out of the Bank.

I remained yours with respect

S/ John Wentz

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State of North Carolina Union County

On this the 7th day of October in the year while Lord 1853 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Union County at the October Term 1853, Catherine Wentz, a resident of Union County in the State aforesaid aged sixty-three years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in open court, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed on the 3rd day of February 1853; That she is the widow of John Wentz who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War & who was afterwards a pensioner of the United States & drew a pension at the rate of about \$60 per annum, payable at the Agency for paying pensions at Fayetteville in North Carolina, & that he was then living in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina (since cut off & formed into the present County of Union in said State).

She further declares that she was married to the said John Wentz on the 14th day of March in the year 1816; that her husband the aforesaid John Wentz died on the 3rd day of August 1827; That she was married to him at the time above stated. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the act of February 3rd 1853, & is still a widow and that she has never before made application for a pension.

S/ Catharine Wentz, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court before David A. Covington, Marquis Austin & Thomas A. Boone Esquires, the Justices appointed to hold the County Court within & for said County the day & year above written.

State of North Carolina Union County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1853

It is hereby certified that satisfactory proof has been exhibited before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions within & for the County of Union in the State aforesaid upon the testimony of Daniel Wentz & Jeremiah Wentz children of John Wentz who are persons well known to the Court & men of respectable standing & credible witnesses. That John Wentz was a Pensioner of the United States at the rate of about \$60 per annum payable at the agency at Fayetteville North Carolina for paying pensions & that he the said John Wentz died on the 3rd day of August in the year 1827 & who further swear that Catharine Wentz was the wife of the said John Wentz & that she was a widow at the time of the passage of the Act of Congress February 3rd 1853 & that she is still a widow; that she was married to the said Wentz about the year 1816 that they knew both the parties well & lived near them for nearly forty (38) [sic] years & who further swear that they are disinterested, that said John Wentz & Catherine Caraker was married on the 14th day of March 1816 in Cabarrus County N. C. by Jacob Faggot, Esquire

S/ Jerh. Wentz

S/ Daniel Wentz

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Sanford L. Steelman, Jr. provided the following information concerning an application made by John Wentz in 1802 when he applied to the State of North Carolina for a disability pension

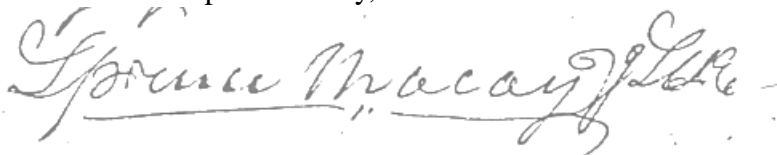
arising from wounds he sustained at Gates Defeat (August 15-16, 1780). The application can be found in the North Carolina Archives.

State of North Carolina Sc.

This day John Wentz made application to me one of the judges of the Superior courts of law and courts of equity for said State, to [be] placed on the pension list of this State.

On the inspection of his wounds, he has been shot through the right knee, had received a cut from a sword in his right hand between the thumb and forefinger: also a cut in his head. The wound in his knee appears to have injured him considerably in his walking and the cut in his hand might injure him in working in some degree. I am therefore of the opinion that he be placed on the pension list of this State for life with an allowance at the rate of three dollars per month. Given under my hand this 19th day of November 1802

S/ Spruce Macay,² JLC&EC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spruce Macay JLC&EC". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina

County 1802: This may Certify [Certify] that John Wenz [John Wentz] was a true Liberty man or Sitytsen [citizen] and that he Received his wounds in the Militia servis [Service] at gates Defead [Gates Defeat] this is Ansohleged [acknowledged] by Mr hise [Hise] and Peter Weaver before me.

November 20 [1802]

S/ Jno Misenhimer, JP

S/ Jacob Boshart, JP

Affidavit of Conrad Hise³ dated November 13, 1802, in support of the application of John Wentz for a disability pension arising out of his services in the Revolutionary War:

State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County: This Day Came Canrad hise [Conrad Hise] and Peter Weaver before me and made oath concerning John Wenz [John Wentz]. First Conrad Hise says on his oath that he saw the said John Wentz between Rughlas Creek [Rugeley's Creek] and the Battle Ground, but somewhat nearer the Battle Ground than the Creek and saw him walking or limping along the Road and his clothing round his knee was bloody. Hise asked him if he was wounded, Wentz made no answer. Mr. Hise asked him again and again but made no answer but limped along the road without any reply. Mr. Hise told him to clear himself, the Light Horse was just upon him. Hise then cleared himself and left John Wentz there in the road. And Peter Weaver says upon his oath that he saw John Wentz the first or second day after he came home from the Battle and says that he saw three wounds on him; one on his knee; the other one near the middle of his head, and one on his hand between his thumb and forefinger, but can't tell no more on which hand.

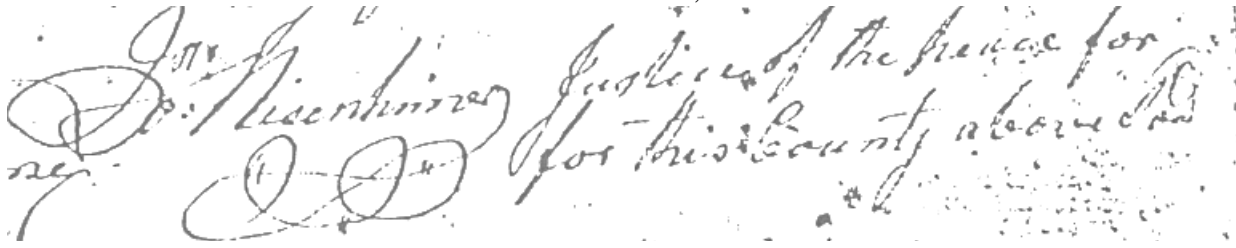
Sworn to before may this 13 Day of November 1802

N: B. Mr. Conrad Hise was a Militia Captain at that time.

² Most references to this judge give his name as Spruce McCay, but he clearly signed his name "Macay," at least in this one instance.

³ [W4453 Conrad Hise](#)

Jno Misenhimer, Justice of the Peace



John Misenhimer Justice of the Peace for
this County above

John Wentz came before me one of the Justices for the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina and made oath that he was examined by the Judge of the Superior Court appointed by this State for that purpose and obtained a certificate setting forth that he served in the Militia of this State under Capt. Beaver and that he was disabled [a circular hole in the paper and text missing] wound in the head as well as in the knee & hand and that he now lives in the County of Mecklenburg and he is the person he Represents himself to the and that he is not on the Pension [pension] List of the United States.

19th Sept. 1808

S/ John Wentz, X his mark

[NOTE: This affidavit confirms the affidavits of Conrad Hise, Jr., Jacob Awalt, and William Ryal that Conrad Hise was at the Battle of Camden (Gates Defeat), and his status as a captain in the militia during the Revolution.

NOTE: John Wentz was the son of a German immigrant, John Andreas Wentz. At the time of this affidavit (1802), John Wentz was married to Catherine Starnes, daughter of Captain John Starnes.]