

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Davis Whelchel R11388 Nancy Whelchell f59SC
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State of Missouri, County of Bates

On this eighth day of March 1846 personally appeared Nancy Whelchel of said County before the undersigned a justice of said County and State before the undersigned Justice of said County and State of Missouri aged 82 born the 21st day of January 1762, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836, that she is the widow of Davis Whelchel who was a Lieutenant in Captain McMullen's [William McMullen's] company, volunteered to go against the Overhill Indians on Big Broad River in South Carolina about 6 miles from the ninety nine Islands Served in the fall aforesaid until Christmas thinks he served at least six weeks.

Tour entered the service on Broad River near Old Henry Smihs [sic, Henry Smith's?] in South Carolina in the spring of 1776, volunteered a private in Captain Nathaniel Jeffries Company against Captain Joseph Robinson that had then joined the Tories and it was reported was coming against the Whigs on Big Broad River, he marched from there to the line on Saluda River where the Indians had killed fourteen persons at Fords, and Burt Parrises' [?] mills, Served at least two weeks. He was drafted a private in the Company of Nimrod Terrell in the fall of the year 1776 to go against the Indians on the head waters of the Saluda in South Carolina, marched to Colonel Thomas' [William Thomas'] was there stationed served she thinks two weeks, deponent states that when she had two children some three years after her marriage with her said husband Davis Whelchel that her said husband went a tour under Col. William Fair [William Farr] to march to the Savannah they were not needed and disbanded and went home, a private volunteer cannot recollect the length of time he served.

He served a Tour in the Company of William Whitesides volunteered to go against the Indians Served as a Ranger – Served in the Company of Captain John Thompson, drafted as private in the year Broad River in South Carolina to go against the Tories and Guard the Fort at Orangeburg, Served two months, under the Command of Colonel James Steen, Served Tour in the Company of Colonel Thomas, was stationed on Pacolet in South Carolina, Her husband moved up to or was driven by the British and Tories to Captain Whitesides on the little Broad River in North Carolina, Served as a Ranger under Captain Whitesides as a Ranger six months, She further declares, that she was married to her said husband, Davis Whelchel on the 28th day of March 1776, and that her husband aforesaid Davis Whelchel died on the 4th [?] day of September 1833, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period and that she has no documentary evidence of her Claims.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.
S/ Jno. W. Payne, JP

S/ Nancy Whelchel, X her mark

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State of Missouri, County of McDonald

This day personally appeared before the undersigned presiding Justice of the County Court within & for the said County William Whelchel, a nephew of Davis Whelchel and Nancy Whelchel, and married his cousin Kesiah Whelchel, the only Surviving heir of the said Davis and Nancy Whelchel, the same being the said Davis Whelchel who served in the Army of the revolution for whose Services, Nancy Whelchel, the widow of the said Davis Whelchel, claimed right of a Pension, who says he is now in his 65th year, that he has been acquainted with his said Uncle and Aunt Davis & Nancy Whelchel, since his earliest recollection up to the time of their deaths: The said Nancy resided with David Torrence, within a short distance of this declarant's place of residence in Bates County Missouri who was taken sick at the house of said Torrence about the first of October 1846, at the place aforesaid this declarant says he hauled [?] to his home in the said County his said Aunt and mother in law Nancy Whelchel who died at declarant's said house in Bates County Missouri about the 26th day of October 1846 in the said County: The said declarant moved with his family from Bates County of aforesaid to a place near Fayette Arkansas in the winter of 1842[?], where he resided until the 29th of January 1854 when declarant moved to McDonald County Missouri where himself his wife Kesiah and a part of his family resides, at this present time and that, John B. King, of McDonald County Missouri [indecipherable word] the first agent for my Aunt Nancy Whelchel, and drew up her Original declaration and then has been no ever appointed or employed to attend to the revolutionary claim of my wife in right of her deceased Father to my knowledge but the said John B. King.

S/ William Whelchel, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed to this eighth day of February A.D. 1854 before me.

S/ J. K. Mosier, president County Court

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State of Missouri, County of Cedar

On this 29th day of May in the year of our Lord 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned, One of the Justices of the County Court in and for the said County of Cedar, and the State of Missouri, Nancy Whelchel, a resident of the said County of Cedar, an Old infirm woman unable to attend the Court of which I am one of the Judges, the same being a Court of record, aged 88 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of Davis Whelchel, who was a Lieutenant in the Militia, the Army of the Revolution and of the State of South Carolina, in the Company of Captain William McMullin, under the Command of Colonel John Neel, and his son, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Neel, we lived on Broad River in Ninety Six district in South Carolina, and my husband the said Davis Whelchel first entered the Service of the United States in the Army of the Revolution in the fall of the year 1775. He the said Davis Whelchel was third man above the Congaree [River] at sign the Association paper thereby binding himself with his Associates to defend his Country against the British and the Tories & Indians and generally against the enemies of their Country when called by the Constituted authority of the Country. He was called to go against the Indians, rendezvoused at old Henry Smith's on Broad River marched from thence against the Tories & Indians, to a place called Kee, wa, [sic, Keowee?] to another Indian Town called Toxaway, on the line between the South Carolina, and Indian Country my husband Davis Whelchel returned in the winter of '76 from the above named expedition was gone six or seven weeks – information came that one Robinson and 300 Indians was on their march to

destroy and kill the settlers on Broad River. The neighborhood left and went to Colonel Rosses about 7 miles to station themselves for protection. The Indians came to Enoree [River] near the Saluda and killed this said declarant's uncle Charles Barnes and the family of one Ford, my said husband was called and marched with Col. Rosses under the command of Colonel John Neel in the Summer of 1776 against said Indians and Tories (that was then called the Overhill Indians), Burned their towns, destroyed their corn; killed and took some Indian prisoners, served some two months returned in the fall of 1776, still remained in the aforesaid associated service, under the command of Colonel Steen, was often called to go and did go against the British, Tories on scouts as a Ranger was ordered to march against the British Tories in the [year] as she verily believes 1777 under the command of Colonel Steen, marched to a place Stono There stationed three months under the said Colonel James Steen, returned home still remained in the associated Service was frequently called out – scouts and spying against Indians British & Tories under Colonel Steen's orders as she verily believes in the year 1778, were all his time engaged either on the scout or at the station. We were at that same year as this declarant verily believes driven by the British & Tories and as she believes after Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] defeat at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], up to Captain William Whitesides in North Carolina he being a cousin to my husband the said Davis Whelchel, The British and Tories having overrun the Country and the liberty boys having to fly for protection my said husband then joined the Company of Captain William Whitesides as she believes in the year 1779 as a Ranger under the Command of Colonel John Miller Served not less than nine months in the service as a Ranger or a year not recollected precisely served a part of the said service in North Carolina under Major Richard Singleton – We moved back again to our place on Broad River in South Carolina, after the Battle of the Cowpens and my said husband there took his command as Lieutenant in the aforesaid associated service in the Company of Captain John Thompson, was called out to go to Orangeburg against the British and Tories under the command of Colonel William Fair and Major Jolly, Major Jolly not going – my said husband Davis Whelchel was elected Major to fill his vacancy served three months on the said tour, returned to his home took his Command in the same service and was called on scouts and spying until the British troops left South Carolina after Cornwallis was taken at York Town and the end of the war.

And she further declares that she is the widow of Davis Whelchel and that she was married to the aforesaid Davis Whelchel on the 28th day of March 1771. The said marriage was solemnized by John Nuckolls in Ninety Six district in South Carolina and that her husband the aforesaid Davis Whelchel, died on the 4th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833, in Madison County in the State of Indiana. And that she has remained a widow ever be in its that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Nancy Whelchel, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before.

S/ James S. King, Justice of the County Court of Cedar County

And this said declarant Nancy Whelchel further declares that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage with said Davis Whelchel, that the family Bible that contained the records of ages of her children and record of the marriage of herself and her said husband Davis Whelchel has been lost or destroyed and that she has learned the fact by diligent search and inquiry for the same.

S/ Nancy Whelchel

[p 55: On May 29, 1845 in Cedar County Missouri Edna Torrence gave testimony that she is the daughter of Davis and Nancy Whelchel; that she is now in her 41st year of her age; that she is the next youngest child of her parents who had 11 children; that she recalls seeing the family record

of the births of her parents children but it has been lost.

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