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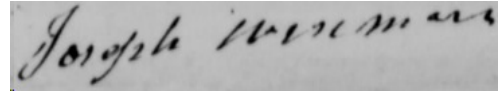
Pension Application of Joseph Wiseman R11741 Elizabeth Wiseman NC PA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 Mar 2015.

State of Virginia }
SS. Monroe County }

On this 22^d day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Monroe now sitting Joseph Wiseman a resident of the County of Monroe 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that he was drafted in the first militia that went out of Burks [sic: Berks] County Pennsylvania; that the militia he was drafted with was commanded by Capt Thomas Perry of Burks County Pa. that it was in the month of August 1776 and that Col Mark Bird of same Cty and state was the commander of the Regiment. That he was marched from Burks County to Philadelphia that there they took water and sailed to Trenton where they landed; that from Trenton they were taken by land through Princeton, Burlington to Elizabeth town there they crossed the Hackinsack [sic: Hackensack] river to Bergen town where they were stationed for some time after which they were marched to Paulus Hook about two miles from Bergentown and there he remained until about the first of November when the three months, that he was drafted for expired. Before they were discharged they were taken back to Philadelphia by Capt. T. Perry where he received a written discharge which he has since lost; That he was in the service three months and that there was but one regiment of militia station at Bergen town and that Col Mark Bird commanded that Regiment until he left the service when the command devolved on Maj'r. John Jones of little Conestoga in Burks Cty Pa. In October 1777 he moved to Rowan County North Carolina and in the month of August or September 1778 he volunteered in a company command by Capt. Nickell [sic: Jacob Nichols] and Lieutenant [James] Chapman of said County; that he was marched from Rowan County to Mecklenburg County where he was put under the command of Col Lock [sic: Francis Locke] and Gen [Griffith] Rutherford that from Mecklenburg Cty. he was marched to Camden in South Carolina from there to the Eutaw Springs on the Santee river that from there he was marched to the ten miles House on the road leading to Charleston; from the ten mile house he was marched to Dorchester on Ashley river from thence to Purisburg [sic: Purysburg] on the Savannah river; and from that to a place called the two sisters on the same river where he joined Gen Ash's [sic: John Baptist Ashe's] army on the same day and less than an hour after his defeat [at the Battle of Briar Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779], that they covered the retreat of Gen. Ash's army across the Savannah river; that from thence they returned back by the two Sisters, Purisburg, Camden to Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina, where he arrived in the month of May and received a written discharge from Capt. Nickell for nine months service as a volunteer. this written discharge he has also lost.

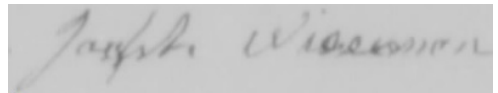
In July 1779 he substituted in the room of a man whose name he does not recollect for three months; this took place in Rowan County North Carolina he was marched to Mecklenburg County where he continued but one or two days before he was discharged to return home and await further orders; he returned home and awaited there three months for which he had substituted; no further call having been made for him, he then removed back to Pennsylvania and from there he moved to Washington County Maryland. While he resided here a call was made for one man out of every nine militia men to be drafted to continue during the war. He and eight of his neighbors one of whom would have to be drafted to continue during the war hired a substitute in their place and gave said forty five pounds. He moved from Maryland to Rockingham County in the state of Virginia, and after remaining there ten years or until the year 1794 he moved to the county of Greenbrier then, but now named Monroe where he has ever since resided. He has no documentary evidence of his service that he knows of, and he knows of no person whose testimony he could procure who can testify to his service. 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.



State of Virginia }
Monroe County } SS

On this 27th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Hugh Caperton a magistrate in & for said County and made oath according to law that he [Joseph Wiseman] was drafted, he thinks, in the month of July 1776 in the county of Berks and state of Pennsylvania to serve a tour of duty of three months as a soldier in the army of the Revolution, in Captain Thomas Perrys Company, that he did serve in said Company the full term of three months when he was discharged in the City of Philadelphia; that in the month of August or September 1778 he volunteered to serve in Captain Nickell's Company for a term of nine months and that he did serve in said Company, in the Carolinas the full term of of nine months according to his engagement at the end of which time he received a written discharge from Cap Nickell for said service as a soldier. during this time of service of nine months he was under the command of Col Lock & Gen Rutherford; that he was in actual service in the army of the Revolution as a common soldier the full term of one year; beside being on furlough for the space of three months having substituted to serve in the room of a man whose name he has forgotten; that he was born in the year 1759 in the County of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, as he has read the record of it in his Father's bible, from which he recorded it in his own bible which is now in his possession; that he did on the 22^d day of August 1832 in the County Court of Monroe make his declaration upon oath stating more particularly his services in detail, that he is known in his present neighborhood to William Rice, James Mann, William Milhollen and Rev. David Riffe who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution.



[On 10 Dec 1832 Joseman Wiseman was issued a certificate for a pension of \$40 per year for one year of service.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Joseph Wiseman – 1 yr. Pa. Militia

I the undersigned Joseph Wiseman make the following redeclaration of my services as a Soldier in the War of the Revo to Wit – I was born March 29, 1759. am a native of the county of Berks Pa.

In the year 1776 I think in July I was drafted for 3 mo. marched from Berks County Pa in a Regt. of Militia commanded by Col. Mark Byard. I was attached to Capt. Thomas Perrys company – our Regt. was marched to Bergin town & Pollus Hook. remained in service at these places until my 3 mo. expired and was then discharged. in the year 1777 in October I went from Pensylvania with two of my uncles to Roan county North Carolina. in the Spring following (in 1778) I volunteered for nine months under Capt. Nchols – (chapman was Lt.) was attached to Col James Lock Regt. Genl. Rutherford commanded. We marched to Ten mile house near Charleston and then to Purisburg on the Savanah river [sic: Savannah River]. then up the river until we met Genl Ash retreating before the enemy. the army returned to Purisburg where I remained until my term expired. was nine months in actual service. got a written discharge – cant tell what has become of it.

the substance of this statement is the same as given to Mr Kelly & Mr. Hutchison both of whom were engaged in gettin g my pension. they charged nothing.

Witness/ Saml Clark

a copy

Joseph Wiseman

W G Singleton/ October 12, 1835

Monroe County Va. Dec 21st 1835

To the Secretary of War

In answer to your letter of the 21st of October last, in relation to my Pension in which you say I have been allowed too much and that the militia of N. Ca. was called out only for three months at a time. You also state that I declared that I volunteered in Sept 1778. By reference to my declaration you will see that I stated in Aug't. or Sept 1778 and that in May I got my discharge from capt Nickell, which would make nine months from August altho. I do not distinctly recollect whether it was Augt or Sept. I know I got my discharge for nine months service & it was given in May. It may be that the N. Ca Militia was drafted for three months at a time. I was not drafted but went as a Volunteer and served as such for nine months. At all the places mentioned in my declaration where we marched to & from, the troops made a stay of some time which was the cause of our not reaching Brier Creek (where Gen'l Ash was) long before the Battle I think on a more minute examination you will see that I am entitled to pay for nine months service in the South

Very respectfully Yours/ Joseph Wiseman

[A note from the Department of War dated 31 Dec 1835 states that payment of Wiseman's pension was resumed at the rate of \$40 per year.]

NOTES: On 15 Nov 1847 Samuel Wiseman applied for pension money on behalf of himself and other children of Joseph Wiseman, who died 27 Dec 1836, and Elizabeth Wiseman, who died 3 Sep 1842. Those surviving children were Isaac Wiseman, 61; Elizabeth Ramsey, 59; Rachel Been, 57; Samuel Wiseman, 55; Owen Wiseman, 53; Sarah Miller, 48; Edith Steel, 46; Margaret Wiseman, 44; Joseph D. Wiseman, 42. Samuel Wiseman stated that his father married Elizabeth Batman in Berks County PA in 1785, and he submitted his father's family record transcribed below.

Elisabeth Wiseman Daughter to Samuel Davis was Born august 26th 1738 and Decst July 19th 1807
[mother of Joseph Wiseman]

Joseph Wiseman was Born March the 29th 1759.

Elisabeth Wiseman Daughter to Henery and Elisabeth Batman ware Born July 10 1762

James Wiseman ware Born November 30th 1783

Isaac Wiseman ware Born November 24 1785

Elisabeth Wiseman ware Born July 10 1788

Rachel Wiseman ware Born Aprel 23th 1790

Samuel Wiseman ware Born July 18th 1792

Owen Wiseman ware Born July 21 1794

Sarah Wiseman ware Born January 15th 1799

Edeth Wiseman ware Born october 4th 1800

Marget Wiseman ware Born Aprel 25th 1803

Joseph D. Wiseman ware Born June 14th 1805

Thomas B Wiseman ware Born December 23th 1808

Joseph Ramsey Wiseman sun to Danel and Elisabeth Ramsey Born December 27th 1817

Isaac Wiseman sun to Isaac and Marey Wiseman Ware Born august 18 1738 and Decest May the 3 in 1818

James Wiseman son to Isaac and Marget Wiseman Ware Born Sept'm 25 Day 1818

James Miller son to thomas and Sarah Miller ware Born october 10 Day 1818

Chrloty T. Wiseman Daugh to Marget Wiseman ware Born Sept 22 1827

Lettey Wiseman ware Born may 4 of 1833 Dater to Thomes Wiseman [X marked over this entry]

Elisabeth Lettey wiseman Dater to Thomas and faney wiseman ware Born May 11 1833

Robert Wiseman son to owen and Jane wiseman was Born october 26th 1818

Veldy Wiseman daughter to Jane Wiseman was Born march 14th 1820

Keozah wiseman daughter to Owen an Jan Wiseman was Born April 2th 1822