

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Wolf R11767

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[The original application was not found, probably having been sent to District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who wrote the following report as part of his investigation of pension applications from Lewis and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Lewis County

David Wolf. aged 72. Ser'd. 2 yrs. & 8 mos.

Christopher Nutter [pension application W5434] says he knows David Wolf, that he never done any service as a soldier during the Revo. War.

Nicholas Carpenter has known Wolf from an Infant. Wolf is just three years older than himself too young to have been a soldier in the Revo. War.

Jno. Neeley [sic: John Neely W5408] has known David Wolf for 46 yrs. he was then a young man not grown.

Found David Wolf in Harrison County. Says that he is seventy years old. that he came to Harrison County from Maryland in his nineteenth year (in the year 1783) & after the Revolutionary War had closed. he had a brother 7 yrs. older than himself who served two tours of duty in the Revo. War so that the war must have been over when he David settled in Harrison. - before he settled in Harrison he went to live with a brother at "Ten mile" (below Red Stone) [Tenmile Creek below Redstone Fort, now Brownsville PA] that whilst living with his brother another brother was drafted to go against the Indians. that he went in his place and served not exceeding one month. this is all the service he done during the revolutionary war & before he settled in Harrison County as before stated. - after his settlement in Harrison he done two or three days service against the Indians. - Says he met with Jonathan Wamsley in Clarksburg Harrison County (He Wolf resides in Harrison) who told him that he Wolf was entitled to a Pension and persuaded him to go up to Weston the county seat of Lewis to get a pension. he accordingly went up and met where Wamsley & ~~his Father & David W. Sleeth~~ ["Alexander written above] ~~a Horsetrader~~ of Lewis County and a son in law of his Wolf's) when and where Wamsley wrote his declaration and he swore to it before the ~~said David W. Sleeth~~ court and proved his service by said Sleeth. Sleeth his son in Law made the contract with Wamsly by which it was agreed that Wamsly was to have one hundred and sixty dollars in case he succeeded in getting him a Pension. Wolf says that he made the same statement to Wamsly of his Revolutionary & other military services that he now makes. Alexander Sleeth was present and will prove what he says in this particular. What Wamsly put in his declaration dont know. did not read it.

Alexander Sleeth told him he thought Wamsly could get him a pension. and it was agreed between Sleeth & himself if Wamsly succeeded in getting a pension, that he Wolf was to have \$20 a year & Sleeth the balance.

The statement here given is true in all particulars

Sworn under my hand June 21, 1834

David Wolf

Witness Nathan Goff [pension agent at Clarksburg]

This is a Suit case!! Respectfully Reported W. G Singleton Spec'l Agent

NOTE: Jonathan Wamsley and David W. Sleeth were part of what Singleton called the "Lewis Speculating Gentry." Wamsley prepared many fraudulent applications, and Sleeth certified some for a fee.