

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Wyer R11917

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State of Virginia Harrison County SS

On this 19th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open court George Wyer a resident of the county & state aforesaid aged 72 years, who being first duely sworn according to law doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

1st That he was born on the 5 of May 1762 in the County of Lowdon [sic: Loudoun] in the State of Virginia, That he moved into the county of Harrison (then called West Augusta) in the year 1778. that he volunteered as an indian spie & scout on the first of March 1779 and served six months under Capt. George Jackson who was a legally commissioned officer stationed at the Blockhouse [Fort Nutter] on Elk creek where Clarksburg now stands in said county. That he volunteered as an indian spie and scout on the first of March 1780 and served six months under Capt George Jackson who was a legally commissioned officer stationed at the Blockhouse on Elk creek where Clarksburg now stands. That he volunteered as an indian spie & scout on the first of March 1781 and served six months under Capt. Thomas Harbert who was a legally commissioned officer stationed at Harberts fort on the West fork river [on Tenmile Creek] in the county of Harrison & State of Virginia. That he volunteered as an indian spie and scouter on the first of March 1782 and served six months under Capt Thomas Harbert who was a legally commissioned officer stationed at Harberts fort in the county and state aforesaid. That he volunteered as an indian spie and scouter on the first of March 1783 and served six months under Capt Robert Bartlett who was a legally commissioned officer stationed at Bartletts fort on the West fork river in said county & state

That he never got a written discharge from the service but that he got an orarl discharge from his respective officers at the expiration of each toure. That he has no record of his age. That he followed no civil pursuit while in the service. That there were no regulars with troops where he served. That for proof of his character for veracity &c he refers to Doct. Davisson and Judge Duncan of this place. That he knows of no person who can testify to his service. That he knows of no clergyman in his neighbourhood who he can get to certify for him, as there are none. That he lived in Harrison County Virginia when he entered the service & that he now lives in the same place &c. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name on the pension roll of the agency state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

George Wyer

[On 12 June 1834 Edward Harbert, pension application S15448, certified Wyer's services.]

[Wyer's claim was rejected without explanation, but early in 1834 all pension applications from Harrison and Lewis counties in present West Virginia were suspended while District Attorney Washington G. Singleton investigated accusations of fraud. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. During Singleton's investigation he and the Pension Office decided to reverse the previous policy of granting pensions for service against Indians on the frontier. Singleton routinely charged those who claimed such service with fraud, and a note in Wyer's file indicates that that was also done to Wyer.]