

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Welch R20446

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain Officers than Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Benjamin Welch of Indian Creek in the County of Franklin, in the State of Georgia, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the war, to the time when the arrangement of the Army provided by the resolves of Congress of the 3rd and 21st of October 1780 as carried into effect, and was reduced under that arrangement, at which period I was Lieutenant in Colonel Clark's [sic, Elijah Clarke's] Regiment of the Georgia Line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for a sum equal to the amount of 5 years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1783.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of July 1823

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written

Test: S/ William Gilmore, JP

S/ Benjamin Welch

[Benjamin Allen and Joshua Bush gave testimony as to the reputation of the claimant as an officer in the Army of the revolution.]

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

Benjamin Welch of Indian Creek in the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was a Lieutenant in Colonel Clark's regiment of the Georgia line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
August 13 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates have been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to __ in the __ line, amounting to __ dollars,

It further appears that __ is now on the pension list of any agency, and has been since the __ at the rate of __ per month.

Benjamin Welch is not returned among the officers of the Georgia Line serving to the end of the War no Commutation Certificate can be found to have been issued to him.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office
9th September 1828

Lieutenant Benjamin Welch of the Georgia line, is not returned, as being entitled to Lee and from the United States, nor has a warrant issued for him.

S/ E. Stephens

George of Franklin County: Personally appeared before me Thomas Farmer an acting Justice of the Inferior Court in & for said County Darcas Hall of said County, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Benjamin Welch of Indian Creek, Franklin County, did serve in the Continental Army of the Revolution to the close of said war, in the capacity of Lieutenant under Captain Ortary [sic, Autry?] In the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark in the Georgia line -- that he the said Benjamin Welch was at both the battles at Augusta -- at Kettle Creek &c.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1829

S/ Thomas Farmer, JIC

S/ Darcas Hall, X his mark