

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Claiborne Wade S11666

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Virginia Amelia County SS

On this twenty third day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of said County now sitting, being a Court of record, Claiborne Wade – a resident of said County, in the State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered in the regular Army near Fluvanna Courthouse in the State of Virginia sometime in the year 1777 under Captain Holeman Rice [Holman Rice], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor], that he marched to the North during that year, and assisted in guarding the British prisoners, who had been taken at Saratoga, and that he so continued guarding them there and near Albemarle Courthouse in the State of Virginia about twenty months. That whilst he was stationed near Albemarle Courthouse he was injured in the right ankle by a fellow soldier, which rendered him incapable of performing military duty, and that he was honorably discharged and exempted therefrom by his commander, but this discharge has been lost. That he then retired from the service, but he was, that not long afterwards, again able to do something for his Country, when he was employed as an express in carrying letters to, and from, different Officers. He recollects distinctly carrying letters to and from Baron Steuben. He thinks he was engaged in the service about two months. That he again entered the service as a militia man in the year 1781 under Captain Sharp and marched from Albemarle Courthouse to York Town, that he was at the Siege of York, when Cornwallis was taken, that after the siege he was marched to Williamsburg where he was taken sick, and was afterwards discharged in Hanover County at a place called the Long Bridge, That he remained in the service about three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and that he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

The following questions were put to the said Claiborne Wade

Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live? – Answer. I lived in Albemarle directly after the war – sometime in Prince Edward than Cumberland, but for the last 22 years in Amelia.

State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service? Answer. A part of the time I was under General Wood, Colonel Fountain was with me – Captain Burwell also. The 9th Regiment I was with.

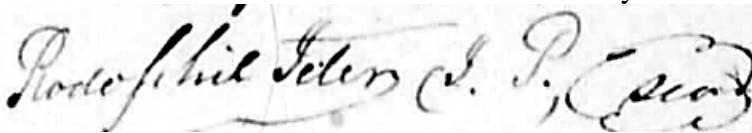
State the names of such persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who

will testify to your character? Answer. Major Rodophil Jeter, Edward Green, Austin Seay & Henry P Evans Esquires.

Affirmed to and subscribed by [indecipherable word, looks like "Esisdd"] Claiborne Wade
S/ Claiborne Wade, X his mark

Virginia Amelia County to wit

This day Claiborne Wade a resident of said County personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and affirmed according to law that he knows of no other evidence to substantiate his claim for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, than what is contained in his declaration made before a media County Court and hereto annexed – that he has not resided in Fluvanna County for many years (the County in which he enlisted) that he knows of no person now alive in that County or anywhere else by whom he can prove his services. – And I Rodophil Jeter a justice of the peace do hereby certify that I have been well acquainted with said Claiborne Wade for many years and that he is a man of good character and strict veracity – And I have no doubt but that he was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states in his declaration. Given under my hand & seal this 3rd day of August 1833



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State of Virginia Fluvanna County: SS

I John Winn a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Charles Clements¹ a resident of said County and a person of credibility, this day personally appeared before me and made oath, That he is well acquainted with Claiborne Wade of the County of Amelia who is now present. That in the year 1779 (as well as he can recollect) the said Wade then a resident of the said County of Fluvanna enlisted with him in a Company under Captain Holeman Rice from the County of Goochland, and marched to Albemarle Barracks in the County of Albemarle as a guard to the British prisoners stationed at that place. That this affiant remained in service at the said Albemarle Barracks (with the exception of a few weeks sick at home on furlough) from the month of October or November 1779 to January 1780 – making about 15 months service, during which time, he thinks the said Wade was also in service (except a few weeks absent with leave on account of a wound he well recollects that he received on one of his legs, which rendered him unfit for service). About the time last spoken of to wit January 1780, this affiant enlisted in the Continental service and marched from said Albemarle Barracks to North & South Carolina leaving the said Wade) agreeable to the best of his recollection) still in service at that place. That whilst this affiant and the said we were in service under Captain Holeman Rice at the place aforesaid they were attached to Colonel Frank Taylor's Regiment. That he was well acquainted with said Wade before the Revolution and has known him ever since and always considered him a credible person. The in above statement is made upon the best recollection of the affiant this 28th day of November 1833.

S/ Charles Clements, X his mark

¹ This is probably the same man as [Charles Clements S8214](#) although the description of service in this affidavit does not match the description he gave of his service in his own application for a pension.

The affidavit of Richard Cawthorn,² a credible person, taken upon oath before me John Winn a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Fluvanna State of Virginia. The affiant upon oath states – That about the year 1779 or 1780 he was in service at Albemarle Barracks in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia in Colonel Frank Taylor's Regiment as a guard to the British prisoners. That he was in said service he thinks upwards of 12 months, and that during said service he became acquainted with Claiborne Wade who is now present and who he well recollects serving in Captain Rice's Company, although this affiant belonged to Captain Burnley's [Garland Burnley] Company, both of which Companies were attached to said Colonel Taylor's Regiment. That this affiant cannot state with any certainty the length of time said Wade was in service, but recollects distinctly he was in the same Regiment under Colonel Taylor – and that he is the same man.

S/ Richard Cawthorn, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed before made this 28th day of November 1833

[p 13: by document signed June 11th, 1857, Newton Wade authorized George Bagby to examine documents in the office of the Commissioner of pensions in the file of Claiborne Wade. The relationship, if any, of Newton Wade to Claiborne Wade is not stated in this document. In the acknowledgment, it is stated that Newton is one of the heirs at law of Claiborne Wade deceased late of Amelia County Virginia]

[p 15: facts in file, the veteran died June 15, 1850]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year and 10 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line and militia.]

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To the Hon. the Legislature of Va.

The petition of Claiborne Wade most respectfully represents to your Hon. body, that he was a soldier in the revolutionary War; attached to the 9th Regiment commanded by Col. Francis Taylor; that he served for the space of Eighteen months, after which he was honorably discharged; that for these services he never has received anything whatever in the form of Compensation, that during the life of the late Abraham B. Venable Esq. he placed his discharge in his hands, under the hope and expectation that a gentleman of his high standing and well-known integrity might be able to procure from the United States or State of Virginia the just compensation due to your petitioner for his services aforesaid. That the said Abraham B Venable Esq. departed this life whilst he was in possession of the discharge of your petitioner, and met his death, the said discharge cannot be found, nor is it known to your petitioner what has become of it.

In this state of things, your petitioner begs leave to throw himself upon the liberal and bountiful consideration of the Legislature of his Country, [indecipherable word], in common with this great community all now engaging, the sweets of that independence which your humble petitioner, in his youthful days, as part, contributed to establish – Your petitioner begs leave further to state that he is now an old and infirm man upwards of 60 years of age, with a large

² [Richard Cawthorn S8175](#)

family of children, and without the means of subsistence; that in his younger days, whilst he enjoyed health, his family and himself, by means of his manual labor, were supported in our humble, but comfortable manner, that these days have now passed away, and your petitioner is left to behold the distressing and mortifying scene of want and distress around him whilst he is left without the means of removing them. There are things which operate upon the feelings of your petitioner with an acuteness not to be described and which render the little remnant of life yet left to him more painful than death itself. He therefore makes this solemn appeal to his Country; to whom a few Dollars are nothing, but to your petitioner, everything: praying that some revision may be made by law either for the payment of the money which is still justly due to your petitioner for the services aforesaid; or that some annual sum may be paid to him which will be sufficient to soften the hardships of his latter days, and save himself from ruin & his family from begging and distress, and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray &c
S/ W. Wade [not an actual signature of the veteran]

Petition

C. Wade

December 13, 1820

referred to Claims

Reasonable December 19

reported December 20th

Bill December 30th

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

Richard Cawthorn this day came before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath that as well as he recollects he enlisted in the United States Service in the year 1777 and was sent to Albemarle Barracks under the command of Col. Francis Taylor in Capt. Birleys [Burley's] Company to guard Burgoyne's Prisoners, where he remained about two years, during that time He the Affiant states that he became acquainted with Claiborne Wade, a Soldier in Capt. Holman Rice's Company, which was also attached to Col. Taylor's Regiment. This affiant cannot state positively the length of time that the said Wade Served there as a Soldier, but is fully under the impression that it was twelve months or perhaps more. Given under my hand in the County aforesaid this 26th of November 1820

S/ John Winn, JP

Amelia to wit

This day Clayborn Wade personally appeared before me and (being religiously [one or more indecipherable words] refused to take an oath) solemnly affirmed that he served twenty months as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war under Capt. Holman Rice of the Ninth Regiment which was commanded by Col. Francis Taylor. That he never received any pay for the said service whatever either directly or indirectly, that he never sold his claim to any person nor ever authorized any person to receive for him. Given under my hand at Millgrove in the County aforesaid this 2nd December 1820.

S/ Thomas E. Jeter, JP