

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

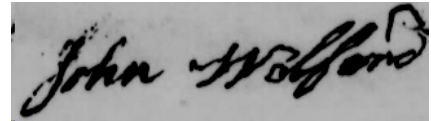
Pension Application of John Wolford S11898 NJ
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia }
Randolph County } Ss.

On this 25th day of June 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Randolph County aforesaid John Wolford a resident of the said County and state of Virginia aged seventy nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That in the year 1777 in the month of May[?] but does not recollect the day of the month he was drafted in Capt John Pipingers [John Pippinger's] company of militia in the state of New Jersey in Col. Jacob Wests Regiment for a guard at Sussex Court house in said state the court being convened for the purpose of trying tories and deserters. he lived in Sussex County New Jersey when he was drafted we met at Yoast Millers tavern in the said County of Sussex and marched to the said court house and continued in the service one month and was discharged he thinks he received no written discharge but only discharged by verbal order of the Captain when discharged from this service he returned to his home and remained there until about the middle of September of the same year (1777) when again he was called out in the Militia under capt. John Piping in Col. West's Regiment to defend Elizabeth Town in New Jersey from the British we assembled at Col. West's in Sussex County N Jersey and remained there four days waiting for the other Companies under Col West to assemble, on the fifth day we commenced our march and on the fifth day after we commenced the march arrived at Elizabeth Town remained there three days & the British having retired to Statton Island [sic: Staten Island] it was deemed unnecessary to continue all the troops Capt. Piping & all his company were discharged except 8 of his men he was one at that place & was placed under Capt. John Petty in Col. Wests Regiment and remained in the service under Capt Petty at Elizabeth Town to protect that place thirty five days making with the thirteen days he was under Capt Pippenger in the last mentioned service forty eight days when he was discharged by Capt Petty he thinks he did not get a written discharge from Capt Petty but the Company was discharged by the verbal orders of Capt Petty he returned to his home after this last mentioned service and continued there until in March 1778 when he was again drafted for one month in Capt. John Winters Company of New Jersey Militia in Col. Wests Regiment one Lewis was the Lieutenant under Capt Winters he joined Capt. Winters Company at Elizabeth Town and continued there to guard the Town until the month expired when he was discharged he thinks that his discharge was a verbal one. after his discharge he again returned home and remained there until the Summer of 1779 when he was again called out under Capt. John Pippenger in Col West's Regiment of New Jersey Militia was marched to Hackets Town [Hackettstown] and in the wilderness north west of that place in search of deserters and tories and finding none we returned home and was discharged having been in this service according to his present recollection Twenty days he remained at home in Sussex County until about the middle of September in the year 1779 when he was again drafted for one month in Capt. John Peppenger's company in Col West's Regiment of New Jersey Militia We marched from Sussex County by way of one May Bushas crossing the Blue mountains and by way of Col Rosacrants on the Delaware up the Delaware River to near the York line & was stationed at one Major Westbrooks under him until the month expired for the purpose of defending the frontier from the Indians when his month expired he was discharged in the manner stated before not receiving a written discharge, during this last mentioned service from the middle of September 1779 to the middle of October 1779 he acted and served as a Serjeant he again returned home, and remained there untill September 1780 when he was again drafted for one month in Capt John Pippenger's company in Col. West's Regiment of New Jersey militia and was marched to Morris Town [Morristown] to guard that place and the stores, horses, and so forth then collecting there to be sent to General Washington he thinks General washingtons army at that time was at a place called

warwick he continued at Morris Town until his month expired when he was again discharged by the verbal orders of his captain, making his entire service during the Revolutionary war according to his present recollection not less than four month as a Serjeant and five months and six days as a private To the 1st Interrogatory required to be answered by the regulations of the War Department, He states that he was born in Montgomery County Pennsylvania in the year 1754. To the 2^d He answers that he has no record of his age. To the 3^d He states that he hereto already stated that he lived in Sussex County N.J. when he was called into the service after the Revolutionary war he remained a few years in New Jersey and then removed to Hampshire County Virginia and continued in that County about 17 years and then removed to his present residence in Randolph county virginia. To the 4th He answers that he was drafted as before stated. To the 5th he refers to what he has already stated in his foregoing declaration. To the 6th he refers to his narrative in his foregoing declaration. To the 7th He states that he is known to [blank] in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of is services as a soldier of the Revolution but that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood. He has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



[Certified by S Wyatt and David Holder.]

[On 16 Sep 1833 Wolford was issued a certificate for a pension of \$20.88 per year for six months and eight days service as a Private. 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. Singleton wrote on this report "Entitled."]

John Wolford draws \$20.

Mr. Farnsler, has heard Wolford speak frequently of his haveing done a tour of duty during the Revolutionary war, in New Jersey – this conversation was had before the Passage of the Pension Law.

Mr. Earl Clk [sic: Archibald Earle, Clerk] of Randolph court, is acquainted with Wolford – has heard him relate his Military service during the War of the Revo. & thinks him Entitled.

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W. G Singleton

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On this 28th day of aprile 1838 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Randolph personally appeared John Wolford who on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain John Pipinger in the Regiment Commanded by Col freelinghouze [sic: Frederick Frelinghuysen] in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Virginia that he now resides in the State of Virginia Wheeling Agency where he intends to reside and remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for wishing his pension made payable at wheeling viz because he can not draw his pension at Richmond he would prefer drawing it at wheeling to not drawing at all.

