

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Wickcliffe S1271

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State of Kentucky City of Lexington Sct.

On this third day of May 1833 personally appeared before me the Mayor of said City Charles Wickcliffe a resident of said city aged 67 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 act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

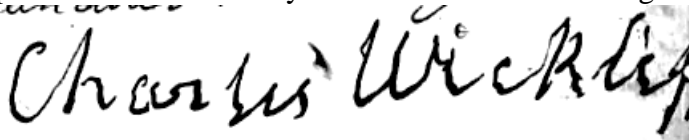
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated:

He first turned out in the militia of Prince William County Virginia under Captain Peter Evans & the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Garrard of Stafford County Virginia at the age of 15 or 16 years, he thinks in 1780 in the summer & served between three & four months – we marched through Stafford County to Hunters Height on the Rappahannock [River] above Falmouth & marched back to Dumfries & were dismissed – we were in no action – There were no Regular officers with him & he served as a private on foot.

The 2nd tour, the following year, he served in the militia from Fauquier – in a troop of volunteer Light horse under Captain William Triplett – attached to a Regiment of Militia in Gloucester, whither we marched – we were, while in Gloucester, routed by Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] light horse & many of our horses taken & afterwards we were discharged – this tour was a short time over three months & we always stood ready when called on to march again – we bore our own expenses & received nothing but our rations – as compensation –

He has no written or documentary evidence in his possession showing his services & knows of no one by whom he can prove the same, now living & whose testimony he can procure. He has no record of his age, but states his age as reported to him by his parents. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. He is known to many of his fellow citizens & refers to Major William Barry the postmaster General. He names also the honorable Henry Clay, the Honorable children Allen – Robert Wickcliffe Esquire, Richard Ashton, Captain John Lowry, General Thomas Bodley – as persons who will testify to his character & standing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Wickcliffe". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John M. Hewett, a clergyman, and John Lowry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[attested by Charlton Hunt, Mayor of Lexington]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 3 months service as a private of cavalry and 3 months service as a private of Infantry in the Virginia militia.]