

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Obadiah Wade S16570

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State of Kentucky County of Barren Sct.

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County & Circuit of Barren in the State aforesaid Obadiah Wade a resident of the said County of Barren in the State aforesaid aged sixty-eight years & five months 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 7th of June 1832:

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 according to the best of his recollection, for the term of eighteen months, & served for the said Term of eighteen months in the Virginia State line under the following named officers – he belonged to the Brigade of General Peter Muhlenberg, he does not know to what company he was attached being selected with about fifteen others as a wagon guard & placed under the command of a Sergeant, in which capacity he served during the whole time being generally stationed with the said General Muhlenberg and acting under his orders: – that he joined the Army at Richmond Virginia just before Arnold [Benedict Arnold] burnt the Foundry ~~at that~~ near that place – that he marched by Chesterfield Court House to Petersburg from thence to Smithfield & Cabin Point, from thence to Suffolk from whence they returned to Richmond – this was at the time Arnold invaded the State of Virginia. – After the Army returned to Richmond, Cornwallis was advancing in the said Army with the said Wade retreated to the mountains to a place called the Raccoon Ford, where they were reinforced by General Wayne, when the troops returned to Little York where Cornwallis was besieged by the French in the Army under General Washington – the said Wade further saith that he remained at Little York until shortly before the surrender of Cornwallis, when he was taken sick & sent to the hospital at Williamsburg, where he remained until after the surrender, when he obtained a furlough and returned home to Goochland County, Virginia, where he resided at the time he entered the service & afterwards – that in the winter of the year 1781 he obtained his discharge in writing at:: Powhatan Court House in Virginia. He does not recollect by whom his discharge was signed. He afterwards left it with the Auditor at Richmond, Virginia, when he drew his pay – The said Wade recollects that Colonel Dick [Alexander Dick?], Major Thomas Drew & Major Ludeman served in the Army to which he was attached; but owing to the nature of his service as before described, & he is being very young at the time, he cannot say whether he was in the same Regiment with them – Majors Drew & Ludeman were aides to General Muhlenberg. – The said Obadiah Wade 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 any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Oba Wade

Oba Wade

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]