

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wollard S1732

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 31st day of September personally appeared in open court before the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting John Wollard a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-four years on the 3rd day of January last past 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 and served as herein stated.

The said John Wollard says that he was drafted for three months to serve at Wilmington but was stationed at New River about 40 miles from Wilmington and the names of the officers are as follows Colonel William Brown Captain Henry Bonner and Lieutenant Jesse Blount – he entered the service about the last of March 1776 and received a discharge at the expiration of his term of service and at that time was living in the County of Beaufort and State of North Carolina.

He next volunteered his service under Captain Alderson Ellison for the term of three months and volunteered as a horseman under Captain Thomas Jones and Lieutenant Branick Owens during the war for the purpose of suppressing the Tories and defending the coast from the attacks of British in which time he was called upon six times and in that time was in actual service between three and four months for which service we never received any pay. He also volunteered to go a tower [tour] under General Gates but by the situation of his affairs was himself prevented from going but hired a substitute to whom I gave \$250. While engaged in the service of his country the object of their expeditions was to guard against the attacks of the British or the Tories and the part of the country through which we marched was through Beaufort, Craven, Cartright [sic, Carteret] in Onslow Counties as also into Pitt and Edgecombe Counties he was acquainted with Colonels Patton and Buncombe of the Continental Army – he has no documentary evidence and does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove his term of service as he has lost his discharges as he did not expect they would ever be of any further service to him.

He hereby are relinquishes every claim 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.

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

S/ John Wollard, X his mark

[Shadrach Mastain, a clergyman, Charles Hardison and William G Pickens gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Q; Where and in what year were you born?

Ans., State of North Carolina Beaufort County January 3rd 1758

Q; Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans., In my Bible which I gave to my daughter in North Carolina

Q; Where were you living when called into service

Ans., In the state and County aforesaid.

Q; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

An. I still lived in said state until 1828 then I moved to the State of Tennessee Maury County where I now live.

Q; How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted in volunteered, both as aforesaid

Q; State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Colonel Hogan and Patton and Colonel William Brown of the militia Regiment and the general circumstances of my service was to prevent the British from landing and to check the Tories

Q, Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I had two discharges given by Henry Bonner Captain and the other by Colonel Henry Bonner – and I lost them not expecting to receive any benefit by them

Q, State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans., G. Pickens Esquire, Matthew Moor Esquire – C. Headler, Esquire, – Humphrey Hardison, Charles Hardison

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]