

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Wees S1734

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State of Tennessee Roane County Court July Term 1833

On this 24th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William Galbraith, George Purvis [?] & William Eblen [?] who compose the quorum court it being a Court of Record, Peter Wees, a resident of the County of Roane ^{aged about 70 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 June 7th 1832, as herein stated, Applicant entered the service under Captain Berry whose Christian name he does not recollect in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hones the Regiment not recollected. Applicant entered the service some time in 1782 in the month of October. Applicant entered the service as a substitute in the militia for the term of six months, applicant does not now recollect the name of the person in whose place he served, Applicant resided in Hardy County Virginia at the time he entered the service, Applicant was marched by his aforesaid officers from Hardy County to Winchester Town where he was stationed to guard the British that had been taken prisoners, Applicant was continued in Winchester until sometime in May following, when he was regularly discharged by Colonel Hones – After serving six months. Applicant was born in Hardy County aforesaid in the year 1762 according to the information he received from his parents, applicant has no record of his age, applicant lived in the aforesaid County when he entered the service where he continued to reside several years ^{after he left the Army}, then moved to Bath County where applicant continued to reside about 15 years then moved to Montgomery County after living there several years then moved to Sevier County Tennessee, where he with resided two years then moved to Colk [sic? Polk?] County where he lived one-year then moved to Roane County where he now resides and has resided for ten years, applicant has lost his discharge – Applicant states that the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – viz., William Reed Esquire, Nathaniel Ausburn, John Galion, Henry Studler, Michael Smith; – In consequence of a loss of memory from old age applicant does not recollect any other officers than the aforesaid, applicant served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority – that he served the whole 6 months as aforesaid and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. It is out of the power of applicant to procure a clergyman as there is none residing in his neighborhood but have produced Samuel Wilson who is the leader of the class in the Methodist Church to which applicant belonged, applicant has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. L. Purvis [?], DC

S/ Peter Wees, X his mark

[Samuel Wilson, a class leader, and David G Scoggins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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