

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Welborn (Willborn) S1741

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State of Tennessee Carroll County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions June Term 1833

On this 11th day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Joshua Wellborn, a resident of the State of Tennessee and Carroll County aforesaid aged seventy-five 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.

The Declarant states that he was born in Randolph County, State of North Carolina, on the 20th day of April 1758, according to a copy of his birth, (taken from a Record by his father in North Carolina) and which is now in his Bible at his residence.

He states that he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He states that sometime in the latter part of the year 1780, he volunteered to serve a tour of two months, in a company of horse commanded by Captain Thomas Dugan and Lieutenant John Clark all under the command of Colonel William Davie [William Richardson Davie], Major James Rutherford was attached to the Company. This was then the Town of Charlotte County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, on the very day the British entered this place, under Cornwallis. He states that they were drawn out against the British and after some firing, they received orders to retreat. The retreat was led by Major Salter who took command over his Captain Thomas Dugan. He states that in the retreat one man by the name of Locke was killed. He states they retreated to Rocky River, about 18 miles from Charlotte, where Colonel Davie took up his headquarters, where they remained two weeks; The British were still at Charlotte. He states that at the expiration of this time the British, becoming alarmed at the defeat of Colonel Ferguson, at the Battle of Kings Mountain, broke up their quarters and retreated from Charlotte, towards "Old Nations Ford" on the Catawba River aiming for the South. Colonel Davie then ordered a pursuit, and they accordingly left Rocky River and pursued them on their way to "Nations Ford" in order to harass them; until they came in sight of them, When the British arrived at this Ford finding it impracticable to pass; they took up their march to return near to Charlotte, in order to take the road down to a more practicable crossing called "Lands Ford"; Colonel Davie's company upon hearing this information, were compelled in their turn to retreat, within ten miles North of Charlotte, here they remained some short time when they again pursued the British, who were by this time in full march down to "Lands Ford." Here

the British crossed and went on to Wynnsborough [sic, Winnsborough] in South Carolina. Colonel Davie took up his quarter within a short distance of Lands Ford; and this declarant states that from here he was detached, under the command of Lieutenant John Clark of his company with 15 other men; in order to guard this Ford. Here they remained 15 days, at which time his term of service expired, when he was, as he thinks, verbally discharged by his Captain Thomas Dugan under the orders of Colonel William Davie. (He further states that for this tour he furnished his own horse, then valued at £60 North Currency = and saddle and bridle. -- He then returned home.

This Declarant further states that some time in the year 1781, he again volunteered to serve a tour in a company of horse under the command of Colonel \_\_\_ Litterell [ , sic, John Luttrell], against the British, who were then near Camden and Tories. He states that they rendezvoused in Chatham County (NC). His Captain in this company was by the name of John Haynes, there Lieutenant William Yorke, all under the command of Colonel Luttrell. He states that they were marched down towards Pedee [River], thence up that River to join the Americans; as he thinks under the command of General Morgan, in order to proceed to Guilford Court House to join General Greene. He states that when they arrived at that part of the River which takes the name of the Yadkin; that his Colonel & the greater part of the corps, [indecipherable word, looks like 'conts'] crossed over the River, who left orders for this declarant, and the rest of the men under the command of Lieutenant Reuben Woods, to proceed up the River to " Trading Ford," and there to join their company. In consequence of his Colonel's meeting with a party of the British and having a skirmish with them he retreated down the River and declarant states that he in company with some others returned home; in this time the battle of Guilford took place.

He states that after this the Tories becoming very bad in this part of the country he served out his tour against them under the command of Captain Thomas Dugan. He states he received no discharges. He furnished his horse, Sion and bridle in this Tour. =

This declarant further states that after the Battle of Guilford Court House he served until the close of the War, by the surrender of Cornwallis; against the Tories in Randolph County North Carolina, under different Officers, to wit Captain William Yorke, and Colonel Dooley, Captain John Cleveland, in which time he was taken a prisoner by the Tories but made his escape from them & this was just before the close of the war -- He states he always volunteered. As his terms of service were detached, he never received any discharge. = He has now stated his different periods of service, which he will state by way of recapitulation, to wit, his first tour under Colonel William Davie, for two months; against the British, as a volunteer in the horse; his second Tour, under Colonel Luttrell, against the British and Tories of three months, as a volunteer; in a mounted corps, under Colonel Luttrell. His subsequent service under captains York, Colonel Dooly and Captain John Cleveland, as a volunteer, against the Tories till the close of the War, amounting as he thinks to three months service.

He states he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. This declarant states that he remained in Randolph County NC two years after the close of the war, from thence he removed to Georgia where he resided six years, from there he removed to South Carolina where he remained till the Spring of 1828 when he removed to this State. He removed to this County in January 1832, where he has continued to reside ever since. 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 to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Givin, Clerk

S/ Joshua Welborn

[William H. Gibham, a clergyman, and Solomon Putman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. The declarant, thinks with deference, the answer to this question will be found in the Beginning of his Declaration.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

The Answer to this query is also embodied in the foregoing Declaration

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

This query is fully answered in the conclusion of the body of the foregoing Declaration.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. He was always a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> 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. Of Regular Officers I knew Colonel William Davie, Captain Thomas Dugan, and Major James Rutherford. Of Continental and militia Regiments he recollects none; the general circumstances of my service are contained in my Declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> 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 never received any written discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> 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. I can state, Mr. Solomon Putnam, Parson William H. Bigham, to whom I am well known.

Amended Declaration of Joshua Wellborn an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832

State of Tennessee Carroll County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1833

On this 12th day of September A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court Joshua Wellborn a resident of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-five years on the 20th day of April last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration (to his foregoing Declaration) in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

This Declarant, in order to "facilitate," the investigation of his Claim by the War Department, which has heretofore been forwarded on, and in obedience to the instructions, since received by him, from said Department, hereby state. =

That in April or May "1781," He volunteered in Randolph County North Carolina to serve as a mounted man under Captain William Yorke, and furnished his own horse and fully equipped himself. He states that his service was to be performed against the Tories and that in the adjoining Counties South of Randolph. = At this time Colonel John Collier commanded in Randolph County, and Lieutenant Colonel James Dugan was under him. = He states that he was out, under his Officers, for the term of 2 months; and that their Company were engaged in this time, scouting, and ranging the County, & the adjoining one South of it in search of the Tories

under Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]; but not meeting with him or his party, at the end of this. Captain Yorke and his Company returned home; and the declarant verbally discharged by Captain Yorke after serving out his tour of 2 months. Shortly after this (still in the year "1781") He states that a party of Tories attacked and plundered his house in Randolph County of many things of value to him at that time. This took place during a temporary absence from home and Declarant being waylaid, on his return to it, was surprised and made a prisoner, and the horse which he was riding taken from him by the Tories. He was bound and conveyed by them that night some distance, when, they called a halt, after which declarant taking advantage of their Captain's being out of the way, bribed the men who had charge of him and effected his escape. = he returned to his house, and learning that Captain John Cleveland was out; he procured a horse and immediately went and joined him; giving him information of what had taken place; Captain Cleveland directly marched in quest of the Tories. They came upon a part of them that night, recaptured Declarant's Horse; and another one, which the Tories in their flight left behind. He further states that Captain Cleveland's Company were employed in ranging the southern part of this County for the space of 15 days when they returned home.

Lastly, in the same year (1781) Colonel \_\_ Dooley of Orange County being out with a Company of Rangers Declarant equipped himself and joined his Company. Colonel Dooley marched his Corps through the southern part of Randolph; and Declarant states that he was out, under him for the period of 2 weeks, keeping down the Tories, after which he was discharged by Colonel Dooly and returned home. = This was just before surrender of Cornwallis in 1781.

He has now stated these services under the above mentioned officers and will just recapitulate those mentioned in his foregoing Declaration.

Viz. 1<sup>st</sup> His Tour as a volunteer Horseman against the British in A.D. "1780." Under Captain Dugan, Colonel William Davie and Major James Rutherford of 2 months in Mecklenburg County North Carolina

2ndly His Tour under Colonel Luttrell, Captain John Haynes as a volunteer in a company of Horse against the British. Tour A.D. "1781" of 3 months in Chatham & Randolph counties NC = 3rdly His Tour in a mounted Corps under Captain William Yorke in "1781" against the Tories in Randolph County NC of 2 months, next to his tour as a horseman under Captain John Cleveland in the same year "81" against the Tories in NC Randolph County, amounting to 2 weeks. = Lastly his Tour in the same year 1781 in a corps of mounted men, as a volunteer for 2 weeks. Amounting in all 8 months for which he claims a pension. =

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Edwin Givin, Clk

S/ Joshua Welborn

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service in the cavalry as a private in the North Carolina militia.]