

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Wear (Ware, Weir) S1781

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State of Tennessee, Sevier County

On this 5th day of March 1833 Personally appeared before me Josiah Rogers one of the Acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State at his own house in the said County and State he being entirely unable to attend Court by reason of Old age and bodily infirmity John Wear a resident of the said County and State in the said County of Sevier and State of Tennessee aged 92 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania on Shammany Creek [sic, Neshaminy Creek?] on the 12th day of January 1741. He has no record of his age at this time he had one in his family Bible but he gave the Bible to his Daughter and has not seen it for a number of years. He lived in Greene County North Carolina but now Tennessee on Nolichucky River as perhaps it was called Washington County at that time at which place in the first of January 1781 as he thinks at this time he volunteered under Captain John Sevier he thinks said Sevier was Captain but is not certain whether he was not Colonel at that time we had no regular place of Rendezvous the company collected to the Captain we marched onto Roan's Creek and up it to the station lay there some time and scouted through the country then we marched into the neighborhood of Abington [sic, Abingdon] Virginia to quell the Tories lay there some time caught some Tories and the balance fled we then marched back to the station on Roan's Creek lay there some time and marched through the Country we then returned back to the place where we started from and was there honorably discharged but verbally by telling us we were might go home got no written discharge. He claims a pension for three months service at this time he was dismissed or discharged about the first of April 1781. Again while living at the same place he went with his wagon to Richmond Virginia for a load of salt he had a waggoner and he rode a single horse before he got home he met a company of his neighbors going on to Join General Washington's Army he thinks it was in Amherst County Virginia that he met them he left his horse borrowed a gun and Joined the company as a volunteer under Captain William Tate he thinks it was about the last of August 1781 we were marched through the country and Joined the Main Army at York town he was in the siege of that place and help to take Cornwallis after the siege was over they returned home and was honorably but verbally discharged about the last of November 1781 he does not recollect the name of the Colonel that Commanded him at the siege he claims Pension for three months service at this time he got no written discharge.

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Again He then moved into the neighborhood where Greenville now stands on the water of Nolichucky River at which place he volunteered under Captain Moses Moore against the Cherokee Indians in January 1782 as he thinks we rendezvoused where Greenville now stands we had no Colonel we then marched to Wilson's station on the East fork of the little Pigeon River he then marched to Wear's Station on the West fork of little Pigeon River we made that our head quarters and marched through the country in quest of Indians our company killed two Indians in Wear's Cove we had no regular battle laid there at the said Fort till our time was out and was there honorably Discharged which discharge was signed by the said Captain Moore but is lost long since he was discharged in March 1782. He claims Pension for two months service at this time.

Again immediately after he returned home he got the report that the Indians were committing depredations on the whites and he volunteered under the said Captain Moses Moore in the first of April 1782 as he believes they Rendezvoused where Greenville now stands we marched to said Wear's Fort on the West fork of little Pigeon Colonel Samuel Wear commanded us after we got to the Fort made the Fort our head quarters and marched through the country after the Indians they fled from us we had no battle we lay there till the first of June 1782 and was then verbally but honorably discharged he claims a pension for two months service at this time. He claims a pension for ten months service in the whole He may be mistaken as to some of the dates above mentioned as he is old and his memory much impaired He is certain he served the full time above mentioned he served some tours that he is not able to specify the particulars of and consequently leaves them out He has lived since the revolutionary war in the following places to wit He lived in the said Greene County till about the year 1800 he then moved to Cape Jericho on the Mississippi River – lived there but a few months then moved to Christian County Kentucky lived there about a year then moved to said Sevier County Tennessee and has lived there ever since and still lives there. He never was a substitute or never went as a drafted man but always went as a volunteer. He does not recollect the names of any regular officers who were with the troops where he served further than above stated nor the names of the Continental or militia regiments except that General Washington commanded at the Siege of York his memory is very imperfect at this time. He received one discharge from the service which is as above stated. He never had a commission in the time of the Revolution. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Josiah Rodgers Esq., Elijah Rodgers, Joseph Abbott, Moses Crow [?] & William Cannon all of whom he believes will testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe him to have been a soldier of the revolutionary war. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and the players that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. There is no clergyman living in his immediate neighborhood nor none that he knows of that he can procure war who can testify to the repute of his service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ John Wear

S/ Josiah Rogers, Justice
of the Court of Pleas and
Quarter Sessions

[Moses B. Crow and Joseph Abott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 commencing March 4th, 1831 for 10 months service in the North Carolina militia.]