

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Wamsley S18669
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[A note in the file states that “the original papers in this case sent to W. G. Singleton U.S. Dist. Atty. Va. Aug 9, 1834. No copies taken for want of time.” The following are Singleton’s notes. See below for further details.]

David Wamsley, draws \$80—
on the 24th July 1834 Mr. Wamsley made the following statement of his age and services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution to Wit — born in the year 1755 Nov 19 - was raised in Augusty [sic: Augusta] County and settled as per reference to his family Bible in Harrison County in 1783 [sic: formed from Monongalia County in 1784] - in the year 1776 or 1777 he volunteered under Capt. [John] Skidmore and marched from the South Branch [of Potomac River] to Westfalls Fort Taggarts Vally in now Randolph County [sic: Fort Westfall ¼ mi S of Beverly in Tygart Valley]. in getting there he was appointed spy - he returned to Harisohn County & was frequently out in that region of cuntry in pursuit of tories and deserters - was in that service all through the war, cant say how many days but thinks he would be safe in saying that he was one hundred and fifty days in pursuit of tories and deserters in Harrisohn County this service was done voluntarily, without direction, and without officers - “the people there done it of their own accord” - he “considers himself as haveing been engaged all the war in one way or another.” - he was once drafted for three months and hired John Craft to take his place, gave him \$50 - Jonathan Wamsley wrote his Declaration - Jonathan is his nephew.

In witness that the forgoing statement is true I hereto subscribe my name July 22, 1834
Test David Wamsley

Nathan Goff
William Wamsley [pension application S7806, father of Jonathan Wamsley] Brother of David (a younger Brother by some ten years [sic: born 1759]) says that he knows nothing of Davids Revolutionary service, “if he done any it is more than he knows”

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| | A Copy | W G Singleton |
| Note. David is a second Jonathan - his original declaration makes him serve } | | W G Singleton |
| 3 yrs as an Indian Spy } | | Nov 20 1834 |

NOTE: Wamsley’s was one of a large number of pension applications from Lewis County now WV investigated by Singleton, as explained in the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111). In this case and several others, Singleton concluded that the original pension application was falsified by the person who drew up the declaration. Wamsley’s pension was suspended, because Singleton concluded that his service was not ordered by competent authority.