

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Welch S1884

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this __day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Grainger County in the State of Tennessee now sitting, Robert Welch a resident of the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee aged seventy-two 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 enlisted in the service of the United States in the Virginia State Troops under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted under Joseph Clark who was a recruiting officer by appointment of Captain Maleop Carrenton [Mayo Carrington?] for the term of eighteen months. That he was then sent to Chesterfield Court House in the State of Virginia. That immediately after he arrived at Chesterfield Courthouse he concluded to take the bounty for the remainder of the war or until peace should be declared which he accordingly did. That he received a bounty at Chesterfield from Colonel William Davis. That shortly afterwards, Colonel Richard Parker took command of the Regiment to which I belonged. He states that he enlisted in the month of February 1776 and did not leave the service until peace was declared in 1781 as he believes. He states that he was in the following engagements to wit at Guilford Court house in the State of North Carolina Generals Green [Nathanael Greene] and Morgan [Daniel Morgan], Colonel William Washington, Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], Major Armstrong and Major John Ridgely commanded. I was also in the siege of Ninety Six we sieged the fort for almost twenty-six days but could not take it. We then retreated. I also thought at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, General Green commanding at [this] engagement. I was wounded in the said battle in my arm and hand. I was engaged in various skirmishes. He states that he was discharged by Major Joseph Ogleston [Joseph Eggleston?] or Egleston but that it was destroyed when my house was burnt down long ago. He states that at the time he entered the service he resided in Buckingham County State of Virginia – that he was enlisted and fought in the engagements as above stated. He states that he served with the Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington and Lee as before stated that he fought in the battle of Guilford Court house and Eutaw Springs Generals Greene and Morgan regular Army commanding. He states that he has no documentary evidence 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 or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm E. Cocke, Clerk

S/ Robert Welch, X his mark

[Joseph Wolfinbarger and Wolfinbarger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court &c

Question When and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Buckingham County State of Virginia in the year 1760 in the month of October of said year.

Question Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer. I have not now but it is in Lexington Kentucky

Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you live now

Answer I was living in Buckingham County Virginia when I entered the service from Buckingham I removed to Greenbrier from thence to Powells Valley from thence to Grainger County Tennessee where I now live.

How were you called into service

Answer I enlisted in the Virginia State Troops

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

Answer. I served with Colonel Washington, Lee, General Green, Morgan, Colonel Campbell who was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs not more than 20 steps from the for the general circumstances of my service I refer to my declaration.

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

Answer. I received my discharge from Major Joseph Agleston or Egleston and it was destroyed when my house was burnt up some time ago

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

Answer Joseph Wolfinbarger and Peter Wolfinbarger.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Robert Welch S1884

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 8 February 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Welsh, Robert.]

I Certify that Rob't Welch enlisted in the Virg Cont'l line in the month of Feb'y 79 as a Soldier & has Continued in it as such from that date to this. July 31st 1783

Copy J. Pendleton jr

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