

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Welch S21561

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### South Carolina Marion District

On this the 13 day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge thereof, Stephen Welch, aged seventy-five years who upon oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. -- That he was born in Craven County (as it was then called) on Santee River, Gourdine's Ferry [?] South Carolina on the 29th day of February 1759 -- his age is recorded in a Bible now at deponent's house in Marion District. That he entered the Service as a private in the Militia in the year 1779 under Captain John Nelson, Colonel Richard Richardson, and General Richard Richardson, Lieutenant Colonel John Singleton. In this tour he crossed Wateree [River] at Simmons Ferry by the Muddy Springs, Juniper Springs, Pine Ridge, & by the head of Edisto River, on to Savannah River, opposite to Augusta -- remained there for the space of 5 months. During the time deponent was stationed there, he volunteered & went over the River with about 40 others to join Colonels Twiggs and Marbet [?] who commanded the Georgia Rangers & went on with them to Spirit Creek Fort which they stormed & took possession of with about 40 Hessians & some Tories. After this Deponent returned home & when out again in May 1780 under Captain John Nelson in the militia with whom he went on to Black Swamp & remained out on this tour 2 months -- started from thence to Charleston & at Sulee Finny Bridge [sic, Tullfinny Bridge ?] in a small skirmish with the British, deponent was wounded by a musket ball in the left knee. -- from thence across Ashley ferry to the six mile house against the lines of Charleston. Here the deponent received a discharge from Captain Nelson & returned. In the month of July 1780 deponent went on to join General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] troop of horse which was at that time stationed at Wateree ferry, he served with General Sumter eighteen months. In this time deponent was in a Battle at Waxhaw old Field games the British under Lord Rawdon, the Americans with the loss of about 17 men cut their way through the British & made safe their retreat. In the year 1782 he served 3 months in General Marion's Camps in and about Santee River -- one month under Captain Joseph Hudson; another, under Lieutenant Valentine Rowel, and the last under Captain John Rogers, which completed the whole term of deponent's service, amounting to twenty-eight months actual service as a private in the Revolutionary war. He has no documentary evidence of his service -- he has lost his discharges -- has lived in Marion District ever since the Revolutionary War to the present time. He further swore that during the time when

the above Services were performed he was either in the field or in garrison & was not engaged in any civil pursuit: that he was called into service as he believes by competent authority & that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State & that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court before me the 13 day of October A.D. 1834

S/ Edward B. Wheeler, CCP

S/ Ste. Welch

[Edmond Herring, a clergyman, and Edward B. Wheeler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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