

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wheeler S21567

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: Sct: Montgomery County Court October Term 1836

Joseph Wheeler, aged seventy-four, a citizen of the County of Montgomery personally appeared in open Court & being duly sworn upon his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the Act of the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in Halifax County in the State of North Carolina on the 12th of November 1760 as he was informed by his parents & believes to be true. That he has no record of his age. That he continued in Halifax until the commencement of the Revolutionary War -- that he entered the service in the month of March, he believes, 1777 as a volunteer militia man, marched from Halifax to Tarborough under the command of Captain William Jarvis & joined the Regiment of Colonel Jonas Johnson [sic, Jonas Johnston] -- the Captain was then appointed Major & the Lieutenant Sherrod was made Captain in his place & then marched to Fayetteville & then to Augusta in Georgia & then to the Two Sisters on River & we continued in South Carolina until the battle of Stono.¹ He was not in the battle. Was at the camp and had charge of the Colonel's baggage wagon. General Lincoln & General Butler was the commanders at Stono & Colonel Johnson commanded the Regiment to which he was attached & died at Drowning Creek on his return -- he continued in South Carolina until the term of service expired having served three months.

He again entered the service in a company commanded as he thinks by Captain Isaac Harris as a volunteer militia man in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Branch under General Jones -- they went from Halifax to Hillsborough & then to Salisbury & then to New Providence on the six mile Creek in the Waxhaw settlements & took Rougely's [sic, Rugeley's] Fort² from the British & Tories we continued then until our times expired, were marched home by Colonel Branch & discharged having served three months.

He next entered the service as a volunteer for a three months tour in a company of cavalry commanded by Colonel Howell Tatom [sometimes spelled "Howell Tatum"³] & marched from Halifax to Tarborough & from there to soaps old field on Tar River where we were stationed & continued there for some time & was then thrown from his horse & crippled & sent

¹ June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

² December 4, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm>

³ [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

home as being disabled for the performance of the balance of his tour he believes that he was over two months before he reached home & received a discharge for the whole tour.

He further declares that some time after this a parcel of Tories or British or both were brought to Halifax Court-house & a guard was raised to guard them that he volunteered for that service under Captain Kid [Kidd?] for three months & after guarding them for a considerable time they were ordered to Duplin Court-house & that he marched with them to that place & upon their return he was discharged having served three months -- that he received discharges for each of the tours and when he was about leaving North Carolina, believing them of no value, he gave his discharge is to one John Jones & has never since heard of them -- that he knows of no living witnesses by whom he could prove his services except James Holt⁴ who he thinks knew of his being in one of his Campaigns above mentioned but is advised that it is unnecessary to go after his affidavit for that purpose -- that he has no written evidence of his services -- that he continued to reside in Halifax until 1802 & moved to Tennessee settled in Montgomery County where he now lives in 1805 & where he has ever since resided -- that he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or gratuity from the Government except the one by the Act of 1832 now claim. He refers to W. Lowe & Dudley Council as witnesses for his character

Test: S/ Andrew Vance, [illegible]

S/ Joseph Wheeler, X his mark

[Washington Lowe, a clergyman, and Dudley Council gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[The was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

⁴ This MAY be the same person as [James Holt S9585](#)