

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Wilhelm S21579

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State of South Carolina Newberry District: To wit: On the 16th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before me, Richard J. Gantt presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas in and for the District and State aforesaid at Newberry Court House, now sitting, Peter Wilhelm, a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years and one month, 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 the 7th day of June 1832: That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That he was first drafted for the term of one month, the year and month he does not remember, and served in Captain John Fulmer's [sic, John Folmer] Company under Colonel Beard in an expedition commanded by General Andrew Williamson against the Indians at Tugaloo and Seneca Rivers. That during this expedition he marched through the upper parts of South Carolina to what is now the Cherokee Nation. That immediately after the termination of this month, he served one other month in the same Expedition under Ensign Counts [John Counts] in the same Company under the same superior officers, as a substitute for one Jacob Epting; at the time when he first entered the service he resided in that part of South Carolina which is now called Newberry District in the Dutch Fork. That it was the practice to draft a portion of the men in one company who after having returned from the service were succeeded by another portion of men from the same Company. That some short time after this expedition he moved to that part of South Carolina now called Abbeville District, where he was drafted and went into service in Captain David Hunter's Company under the command of Colonel Leroy Hammond in whose Regiment, Samuel Hammond was a Major or Lieutenant Colonel, that he was 2 months under the command of Colonel Hammond, during the most of this time, he was in the State of Georgia, stationed for some time at Neils Ford 3 miles from which was a Mill, at which he was also stationed on Broad River in Georgia and about a month at Augusta: After he returned from this service, he removed back again to that part of South Carolina now called Newberry District and in the Dutch Fork where he has continued to reside ever since the Revolution: He was then drafted in the month of August or September in the year 1781, for one month and went into the service for that time in Captain John G. Houseal's Company under the command of Colonel Beard. He was during this term in Greene's Camp a short time after the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8,

1781]. Immediately after the expiration of this month, he was pressed together with a horse, into the service under the command of Captain Michael Lightner; and was employed in conveying the wounded from the Eutaw to a station beyond the High Hills of Santee -- he continued during this term in this service for 3 weeks -- when he was discharged and returned home. He states that he has no documentary Evidence of the services he has performed: After his return home from Greene's Camp, he was near the close of the war on a scouting party commanded by Captain Philemon Waters on the North side of Saluda River for the term of one week, in the upper part of now in Newberry and the lower part of Laurens District then called Ninety Six: and after this he was 4 or 5 days on a scouting party on the South side of Saluda River commanded also by Captain Philemon Waters, making in all some short time over 6 months that he was in the service. He was born on the 13th day of October in the year 1754 in Germany and came to this Country with his parents when he was about 9 years old. He has a record of his age on a transcript which being very old he has had it copied and has it now in his possession. He was living as he before stated when he entered the service living in the Dutch Fork now called Newberry District when he entered the service where he has continued to live since the Revolution except the time he lived in Abbeville as before stated. He was drafted as before stated and for a part of the time as he has before stated was a substitute for Jacob Epting the officers with whom and under whom he served he has heretofore stated: He never received a regular discharge, but when the term for which he was drafted, had expired, the men returned home under their officers. He states that he is acquainted with the Reverend Philip Cromer and Michael Witt together with many others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and also with Captain Henry Wertz who can testify to his belief of the fact of his having been in General Greene's camp. He hereby declares that he does not received any pension, nor ever has received any pension, and that his name is not enrolled on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State and he hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity whatever except the present.

S/ Peter Wilhelm, X his mark

Sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Y. J. Harrington, JP

[Philip Cromer, a clergyman, Michael Witt and Captain Henry Wertz gave the standard supporting affidavit. "And the said Captain Henry Wertz hereby certifies that from his own knowledge of certain facts he believes that all his statements are perfectly true and that he was in Greene's Camp, because he himself was in the Camp after him and from there having frequently talked of the matter since, but that he was at the time very young."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 2 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]