

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Wheatley<sup>1</sup> (Wheatly) S20783

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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge: Sct.

On this 17th day of November 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Breckenridge County now sitting Leonard Wheatley a resident of Breckenridge County and State of Kentucky aged eighty 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the Militia of Virginia in the month of May 1780. He entered as a substitute for John Wheatley under Captain Evans and served a tour of three months. He lived in Prince William County Virginia when he entered the service. He was first marched to a little town called Dumphries [Dumfries] on Quantico Creek and remained there about a month and then marched to Falmoth [Falmouth], then to hunters Works, and guarded there 3 or 4 weeks. He was then marched to Dumphries and was there dismissed. He again entered the service as a substitute for Charles Cappage in the month of July 1781. The company was collected at Dumphries and remained there some time. He was then ordered to March up to Colchester a little town between Dumphries and Alexandria. On the march up to Colchester, they met General Washington with the Army coming down to Yorktown and then received orders to return and started expecting to go to Yorktown by way of Rackoon ford [Raccoon ford]. Before they reached Rackoon ford they were ordered to halt and not to march on to Yorktown. He was dismissed about the time Cornwallis surrendered and then marched home. After he had been at home a few days the brother of Alexander McDonnold [Alexander McDonnall] came to him and requested him to go and take the place of his brother Alexander McDonnall who was then sick in service. He then started and met the British prisoners near Falmouth, where he took the place of Alexander McDonnall, and marched up to the Barracks about six miles above Winchester, and after remaining at the Barracks sometime he was discharged by Captain Ballard who was his Captain during the time he was a substitute for Alexander McDonnall. He was under Captain Evans when a substitute for John Wheatledge, under Captain Pope when a substitute for Charles Coppage and under Captain Ballard when a substitute for Alexander McDonnall. He was commanded part of the time by General Weedon. He was born in Prince William County Virginia on the 15th of December 1765. He has no record of his age, He was living in Prince William County when he entered the service as above stated. He was never drafted but always a substitute. He knew General Morgan General Knox and saw General Washington, but was not long with any of the Regular Officers. He received his discharge from Captain Ballard but is now lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to

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a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

That he made application several years since but was not allowed a pension and now renewed his application hoping his country would do him justice. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Leonard Wheatley, X his mark

[Bartlett A Basham, a clergyman, and Jesse W Kincheloe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky County of Spencer: Sct.

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Alexander McDonnall, aged about 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith – That he this deponent was in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 and being taken ill in service, he procured the services of Leonard Wheatley, who entered as a substitute for him. Leonard Wheatley and deponent were raised neighbors to one another and were well acquainted, Witness further declares that he saw the said Leonard Wheatley 4 or 5 years since in Nelson County Kentucky at which time he lived he believes in Breckenridge County Kentucky and further states that Leonard Wheatley is a very truthful and up right man and if he says he served in the revolutionary war a certain length of time he deserves in all to be believed. He knows of no man living whose word he would more implicitly rely on in the word or statement of the said Leonard Wheatley.

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of April 1845.

S/ Alexander McDonnall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander McDonnall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[fn p. 10: On April 21, 1855 in Breckenridge County Kentucky, Leonard Wheatley, then stating his age as 89, filed for his bounty land entitlement as a soldier of the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]