

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Welch S31466

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State of Kentucky County of Monroe: SS

On this 2nd day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court of Monroe County now sitting James Welch a resident of said County aged seventy-two years the 5th day of February last who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the several terms of service as a private as hereinafter specified viz.

first under the command of Captain Adam Hampton and Colonel Hampton [Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Hampton] from the County of Rutherford North Carolina but from old age and consequently loss of memory he cannot state positively the day nor month when he entered the service but believes it to be in the month of April 1777 he can only recollect that he was but little over 16 years of age at the time of his engagement to go against the Cherokee Indians who marched into said Nation Where the Indians were embodied but on our arrival the [sic, they] dispersed immediately and after remaining there for some month were marched back to North Carolina and was discharged by my Captain after having served six months.

2nd In the spring of 1778 he thinks in the month of June under the command of the same Captain and Colonel McDowell [Charles McDowell] from the same County and State for six months we were marched into the State of South Carolina against a Fort called Princes Fort [July 17, 1780]¹ which was occupied by the British and Tories on our advance they deserted the Fort -- we occupied it for some time on receiving the news of a large party of the enemy coming against us we abandoned it and removed to a camp near Edmund Hapton [sic, probably Edward Hampton?] where we was surprised in the night we maintained our ground and defeated them and was marched back to North Carolina and was discharged by his Captain having served six months.

3rd in the [year] 1780, he thinks in the month of September under the same Captain and Colonel last above mentioned and from the same County and State for six months we was marched near to Kings Mountain where we was joined by several regiments commanded by Colonels Sevier [John Sevier], Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Campbell [William Campbell] and some others whose names he has forgotten and at the time the Claimant was confined in camp by reason of the Camp fever and was not in the engagement [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7,

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_princes_fort.html

1780] after the engagement he recovered and was marched to the border of the Cherokee nation and was marched back to his own County and was discharged by his Captain in the spring of 1781.

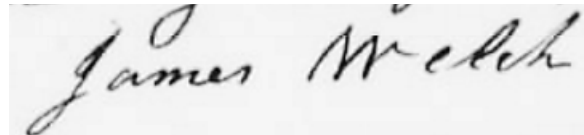
4th The Claimant entered under the same Captain from the same County and State for six months sometime in the spring of the year 1781 and the Claimant is of the impression he was belonging to Colonel Miller's [Lieutenant Colonel James Miller's] Regiment but the Colonel was not with us and on our march we learned that Ninety Six was besieged by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and was there but a short time before the General abandoned the siege [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]² by reason of a large reinforcement coming against us when we were marched to the frontiers to guard against the Indians and was continued to near the end of the year and was marched back again to North Carolina and was discharged by his Captain for eight months.

All of the aforesaid Discharges is lost or mislaid and besides he never took particular care of them conceding them to be of no use to him as he was only a Militia Private and he further states that he has no documentary evidence whatever in his possession and that he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension what ever or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Roll pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first written.

S/ James Welch

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Welch". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Dewhitt³, a clergyman, and Thomas Bartley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

³ His signature looks more like "Wm DeWhitt"