

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littleberry (Littlebury) Wells S31469

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State of Kentucky Henry County Sct.

On this 7th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County of Henry now holding court for said County (it being a court of record), Littleberry Wells a resident of the County of Henry and State of Kentucky aged seventy years on the 3rd day of April last past, 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.

That he and his father Michael Wells, belonged to the same company of militia in the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia – where he resided when he entered the service of the United States – and that the members of the Company were numbered – & a certain number of the company were bound to go into service whenever called on – & that they were called on by rotation – & that when so called upon, they were bound to remain with the Army until they were discharged thus they were not called upon & did not enter the service for any specified time – That he served seven tours in the Virginia Militia, as a private. That he served four of the tours by virtue of the call made upon him as above stated, and that he served the other three tours by substitution & in the room of his father Michael Wells – who was called upon & selected as above stated –

First Tour. That he entered the service in the month of September in the year 1778 – a private the Virginia militia – in the manner as above stated. That he joined the Army at Petersburg in Virginia – under Captain Thomas Goude [Thomas Goode], Lieutenant Ezekiel Dance – and that Robert Goude [Robert Goode] was Colonel of the Regiment – of the regular officers he recollects, General Morgan & adjutant Thomas Pride. From Petersburg, we marched to Chesterfield Courthouse – from there to full creek church – then crossed James River & went to Richmond – recrossed the River & went to Manchester, where he was discharged, verbally by Colonel Goude in November 1778 – in this tour he served two months – & a few days (but claims only for the two months) –

2nd Tour – In March 1779, his father Michael Wells was called upon as above stated – and that this applicant substituted himself in the room of his father – & that he joined the Army at Dunwoodie [Dinwiddie] Court house in Virginia in March 1778 – That he entered the service under Captain Ezekiel Dance (the same person who was Lieutenant in the first tour –) Lieutenant William Threet – Creed Haskins was Colonel of the Regiment – That he entered & served as a private in the Virginia Militia. He does not recollect the name of the regular officers. From Dunwoodie our company marched to Petersburg & from thence down the Appomattox River to James River & down James River to Hood's fort, just before which time the fort had been

attacked by the British and that his company was ordered there to assist in the defense – That he remained there until May 1779 & was then verbally discharged by Captain Hill who had the command of the fort. In this tour he served 2 months.

3rd Tour – In September 1779, he was again called upon as above & entered the service as a private & served in the Virginia militia – & joined the Army in September at Petersburg & entered the service under Captain Dance, Lieutenant William Cheatam [Cheatham] – Haskins was Colonel of the Regiment – in this tour he recollects among the regular officers a Major Boyd – from Petersburg went to Norfolk Virginia & remained there until November – when he was discharged. This was in 1779. That he was discharged by Captain Dance. In this tour he served two months & some days, but only claims for two months.

4th Tour – In February 1780 his father Michael Wells was again called upon as above stated and that this applicant again substituted himself in his room – and that he entered the service under the same Captain – Dance & Lieutenant Cheatam – Haskins was the Colonel of the Regiment – He does not recollect the name of any of the regular officers – That he joined the Army at Manchester Virginia – at this time the British were on the opposite side of the River & burnt some houses in Richmond – from Manchester he went to Petersburg where he was verbally discharged by Captain Dance in April 1780, in this tour he served two months & longer but claims only for two months –

5th Tour. That in October 1780, he again entered the service, being called on as aforesaid, in the Virginia militia & served as a private. That he entered and Captain Dance & Lieutenant Matthew Cheatam – & Colonel Robertson [George Robertson] – that he does not recollect the name of any of the regular officers except General Morgan. That he joined the Army at Petersburg, from whence we marched to Captain Point – then to Norfolk & returned to Cabin Point in December 1780 – where he was then verbally discharged by Lieutenant Cheatam – then Captain – That he served two months in this tour.

6 Tour. That in April 1781 his father Michael Wells was again called upon as above stated – & that this applicant again substituted himself in the room of his father. That he entered the service in April 1780 under Captain Henry Archer, Lieutenant Richard Hill – & Colonel Goude – & served as a private in the Virginia militia. He does not recollect any of the names of the regular officers. That he & his company joined the Army at Petersburg – then marched to Williamsburg from that place [to] York – then we returned to Petersburg where he was verbally discharged by Captain Archer in June 1781.

7th Tour. That in August 1781, he was again called upon in the manner aforesaid & entered the service in August 1781 under Captain Thomas Goude, does not recollect who was the Lieutenant – Haskins was Colonel of the Regiment. That he joined the Army at Petersburg from thence we marched to Williamsburg & from there to little York – that he was at the siege & surrender of Cornwallis in October. Generals Washington & Lafayette & Lincoln were among the regular officers. That after the siege, he went as one of the guard of the prisoners as far as Hanover Courthouse – and was taken sick & there discharged in the first of November 1781 – he was discharged in writing by a regular officer whose name he has forgotten & that he has long since lost his discharge – in this tour he served some days more than two months & a half but claims for two months & a half only.

He states that from old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear as to the precise length of his service – but from the best of his recollection & he well remembers – That he did not serve less than fourteen months – in the seven tours – above mentioned above – & always was a private in the Virginia militia – & for which service he claims a pension –

He states he was born on the 3rd day of April 1762 in the County of Dunwoodie & State of Virginia & that he resided in Chesterfield County State of Virginia at each of the periods at which he entered the service. In 1796 he removed to the State of Kentucky – where he has resided ever since & for the last 30 years, where he now lives in Henry County. That his father kept a record of his age which showed that he was born 3rd April 1762, but that he has not seen it since he left Virginia – That he has now no record of his age – That he is known in his present neighborhood to Abram Bohannon & Blank Moody who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he has no documentary evidence of his service – & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure – who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Little Guy Wells

[Abram Bohannon, a clergyman, and Blanks Moody gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]