

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wigginton S31483

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On this __day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court for Bourbon County in the State aforesaid Henry Wigginton a resident of said County aged seventy-seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the spring of the year 1776 I was drafted to serve a tour of four months as a private soldier in the Virginia militia. That I was drafted in Loudoun County State of Virginia and served out my tour and Captain Robert Fryers [Robert Fryer's] Company of Virginia militia. That Captain Fryers Company belonged to the Battalion commanded by Major __Cox [probably Samuel Cox]. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Levin Powell. We marched from Loudoun to Alexandria and Fairfax County Virginia where we staid the greater part of the time which we served. When at Alexandria we were principally employed in building breastworks of sod to protect the Town from the Cannon of the Enemy. At the expiration of the time for which I was drafted I was discharged at Alexandria. I received a discharge but it has been long lost and I do not know where it is. In July 1781 I was again drafted to serve a tour of four months as a private soldier in the Virginia militia. I was drafted in Loudoun County State of Virginia and served out my tour in Captain Sampson Trammel's [Samson Trammell's] Company of Virginia militia which belonged to the Battalion commanded by Major Thomas Respass. The Regiment was commanded first by Captain Colonel George Summers until we marched to Head Quarters at a place called Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] near Richmond Virginia where we joined the main Army. We were there put under the command of Colonel __ Meriwether who commanded a Regiment of Regulars. We then marched from that place to Williamsburg & from thence towards York Town in Virginia. I was discharged after having served out my Tour at [paper folded and text obscured] near the place called the drinking Springs within about twelve miles of York Town. I was discharged on the 13th of October 1781 and Cornwallis surrendered on the 19th of the same month. I received a written discharge but have lost it long ago & do not know where it is and I know of no living witness in this State by whom I can prove my services in the last mentioned Tour ^{except Spence a Buchanan of Bourbon County} and I know of no one by whom I can prove my services in the first tour except Thomas Rogers ^{and Spencer Buchanan} of Bourbon County who can prove said services if they are living. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension Rolls of any Agency in any State.

The following Questions were propounded by the Court. 1st Where and in what year were you born? 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? 3rd Where were you living

when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

To the first question I answered that I was born the same year of Braddock's Defeat to wit on the 19th of November 1755 in Loudoun County Virginia. To the 2nd I answered that the time of my birth was recorded in my father's family Bible from which I had it transcribed into my own Bible. To the 3rd I answered that I was living in Loudoun County State of Virginia when I was called into service. Since the Revolutionary war I lived in the same County until I came to Bourbon County Kentucky in the year 1788 where I have resided ever since. To the 4th I answered that I was drafted and was not a substitute. To the 5th I answered that General __ Stevens [Edward Stevens], Colonel __Meriwether, Colonel __ Matthews were with the troops where I served. To the 6th I answered that I received a written discharge at the expiration of each Term of service but I do not recollect by whom I was discharged I suppose I was discharged each time by my Captain. To the 7th I answered that I was known to Peter Clarkson & John Hedges, Samuel Muir in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Henry Wigginton, X his mark

[Peter Clarkson & John Hedges gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Thomas Rogers¹ of Bourbon County State of Kentucky do certify that in the year 1776 I served a tour as a private soldier in the Virginia militia. That I served in the company of Captain Radican. That I was drafted for 4 months and served until I was discharged a short time before the expiration of the Term. That during the time of my service I frequently saw Henry Wigginton now of Bourbon County Kentucky and I know that said Wigginton served as a private soldier in Captain Robert Fryers Company during the time that I served and that we both served in the Army of the Revolution in the war with Great Britain until we were regularly discharged. Signed and sworn to in Open court this 3rd day of September 1833.

S/ Thomas Rogers, X his mark

I Spencer Buchanan² of Bourbon County Kentucky do certify that in the year ~~1781~~ Lord Cornwallis surrendered I resided in Loudoun County Virginia that Henry Wigginton and myself mustered in Captain Sampson Trammel's company and the company was arranged in three classes each class being compelled to do militia duty. I am satisfied that every person who belonged to the Company was called upon to do militia duty in the Army of the revolution, and I have always understood from the conversation of the neighborhood that said Wigginton served a tour in the Virginia militia in the War of the Revolution.

Signed and sworn in open Court the 3rd day of September 1833.

S/ Spencer Buchanan, X his mark

¹ [Thomas Rogers S31337](#)

² No veteran by this name filed for a pension from the federal government based on service in the revolutionary war.

[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.]