

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wyatt Hewell S32308

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State of Georgia County of Newton:

On this 24th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting Wyatt Hewell a resident of the County of Newton & State of Georgia aged seventy-six 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 & served as herein stated, in Captain Thomas Miner [Thomas Minor's?] Company, Major Allison [one or more indecipherable interlined words] & in Colonel Mathews Regiment, that deponent entered the service as and enlisted soldier for the term of two years in February 1777, that deponent was discharged from said service in December 1777 in consequence of ill health having served the term of ten months, that deponent resided in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia when he entered the service, the deponent was not engaged in any battle during the fore mentioned service – deponent marched from near Fredericksburg to Williamsburg at which last mentioned place deponent was taken sick & there remained for several months, deponent was discharged by order of the Governor of Virginia upon the recommendation of Doctor John Lewis, which said discharge has been lost or destroyed – deponent served four different tours of two months each during the year 1779 & 1780 – two of said terms as a drafted soldier & two as a substitute for one Bledsoe & ~~one King~~ deponent father Joseph (the first name of Bledsoe & ~~King~~ deponent does not now recollect) in the first of said tours deponent was under Captain Legg the second under Captain White, the third under Captain Taylor & the fourth tour deponent does not recollect his Captain, in all the four last services deponent was under Colonel Sampson Mathews – deponent marched each time from Davenport's Ford in Hanover County Virginia, two of the times to Richmond, one of the times to Williamsburg, one of the times to Fredericksburg and part of the time at Nupor Nues [Newport News] – during one of the said tours deponent's Company was driven by the British from Williamsburg, in the said services deponent marched to Hanover Court House, Gloucester Court-house, Petersburg & various other places deponent was dismissed from each of said towns at the expiration of each tour, but did not receive any written discharge – deponent afterwards in July 1781 entered the service of the United States as a Sergeant in Captain Tabbs Company in Captain Thomas W Ewell's Detachment in the Virginia State Regiment, deponent served in the said Company during the space of [text written over or blotted out so as to be illegible] months as a substitute for one King, deponent thinks King's name was James, deponent marched from Davenport's Ford in

Hanover County Virginia to Goochland Courthouse at which last mentioned place deponent's Company joined the Regiment called Colonel Dabney's Regiment, deponent's Company marched to several places and at last to York deponent was engaged in the siege at Little York, after the Siege at York deponent was marched from York to Portsmouth & then in a detachment commanded by Captain Thomas W Ewell to Richmond and on the 29th day of January 1782 deponent was discharged from the said service by Thomas W Ewell Captain, which said discharge is here with enclosed – deponent has no documentary evidence except the aforementioned discharge and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service deponent says he was born in Spotsylvania County in Virginia on the 15th day of May in the year 1757 – deponent has not the original record of his age, he has a copy in his Bible from deponent's father's Bible, where the old or original record is deponent does not know, deponent was living in Spotsylvania County in Virginia when he was called into the service each time, he lived in Virginia sometime after the Revolutionary war afterwards he lived two years in North Carolina & for the last thirty years deponent has resided in Georgia, deponent now lives seven miles South from Covington in Newton County State of Georgia.

The deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the agency of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm D. Congers, JIC

S/ Wyatt Hewell

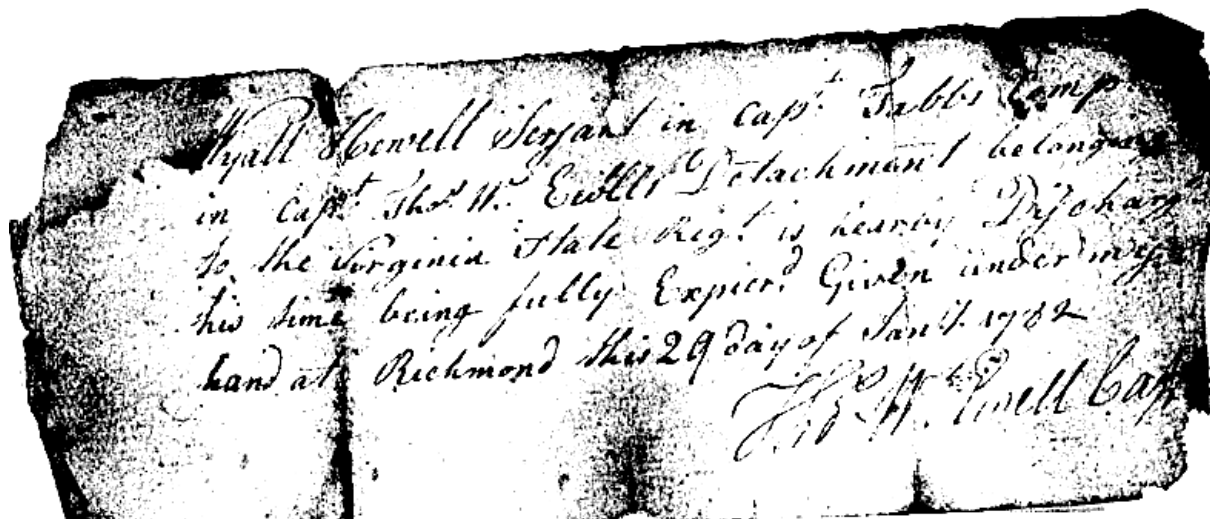


[C. H. Sanders, a clergyman, and Reuben Woodruff gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Wyatt Hewell Sergeant in Capt. Tabbs Company in Capt. Thos. W. Ewells Detachment belonging to the Virginia State Regt. is hereby Discharged his time being fully Expired. Given under my hand at Richmond this 29 day of Jan'y 1782

S/ Thos. W. Ewell Capt.



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Captain Thomas Minor was a Recruiting officer bearing the title of a Lieutenant when I enlisted myself & brother William Hewell enlisted the same day all residing in the County of

Spotsylvania Virginia we received twenty dollars (as bounty.) When one of my uncles [uncles] happen to come from King & Queen County in a boat & seeing my condition went to Major Allison and obtained a furlough for thirty days & took me up to his house in the boat & sent or went up into Spotsylvania County to my father who came down & took me up to his house and employed Mr. John Lewis who was an attorney at law but being skillful in medicine bore the title of Doctor after my furlough was out and I will no better Sent to magistrate and got it prolonged and also the second time, and seemed to be worst Mr. Lewis being well acquainted with Patrick Henry who was Governor of Virginia at that time – through whose instammellality [? instrumentality?] I obtained a discharge. I do not know exactly who signed it but I think Colonel Simson Mathews [Sampson Mathews], Which discharge is lost or destroyed – after I got well so that I thought I could stand a tour my father was drafted and I took his tower [tour] & served under Captain Leg I think it was Captain Leg however Jno. Chew [John Chew?] was our Lieutenant we marched to Fredericksburg and never marched from there till we was discharged. After that I was drafted myself and to save my life I cannot recollect who any our company officers were but we were marched to Williamsburg Don't know whether we ever marched from there or not till we was relieved, these two tours one 1778 and the other 1779 in 1780 I took Bledsoe's place and served under Captain White and marched from Davenport's Ford Hanover County Virginia to Richmond & was there relieved by another Company. The next I was drafted 1781 Served under Captain Talor [Taylor] marched from Davenport's Ford Hanover County to Williams from there in detachment to Newport News in Captain Kelly I think was the Captain's name Lieutenant Thomson from Caroline County, there we stayed till the British moved up James River to Williamsburg then went up again to Williamsburg and got there in the night just before them and retreated in a meandering form we crossed permunky [Pamunkey River] at a ferry low down the River I don't recollect the name of it then recrossed it and went by Hanover Courthouse thence through & Pamunkey again high up on one Captain Pettises mill General de Marcus Delafaite [Lafayette] was with us his men crossed at Davenport's Ford on Pamunkey we went through Spotsylvania & crossed the Rapodam [Rapidan River] or one prong of Raperhanac [Rappahannock River] at the Rackoon ford [Raccoon Ford] into Culpeper County there we heard General Wanes [Anthony Wayne] coming – in the morning we recrossed at the same place & waited his arrival when he came we turned back and garrisoned one Henderson's barn near the brook bridge on Pamunkey River for several weeks there my fourth tower expired, I went home from there and in July the same year one James King a poor man with a large family who had run away from gateses defeat [Gates defeat or Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and never returned was tried (with several others) by a cort marshall [Court-martial] & turned over for six months in the Virginia Regiment and I took his tower for six months on the 29th of July 1781 we rendezvoused at Davenport's Ford Hanover County from there we marched to Goochland Courthouse & was garrisoned for some time from there there was about 30 of us called out & sent down into Hanover County to Colonel Dandridge's or Mrs. Nicholises I don't now recollect which to perform the honor of war over General Campbell when we returned we were marched immediately to Williamsburg & after some time to little York at the 12 branch between Williamsburg & York we waited to salute General Washington as he passed us from thence we continued on to York General Wayne had got there & secured pigion hill [Pigeon Hill] we were stationed at the grand Park there employed fixing bum shells [bomb shells] & other impliments before the [siege] commenced. After the Siege we went to Portsmouth (note) all this time I served as a Sergeant in Captain Tabbs Company in the Virginia State Regiment until a detachment was sent up to Richmond from place I got my discharge. – As for living Witnesses it

is out of my power to procure myself 500 miles from where I performed these services and have come away from there almost ever since I have not been in Spotsylvania County since January 1786 and they that ever knew me there may be dead or moved to some other part of the World and if they could be found I am not able to get to them. If I was able to ride I'm not able to bear my expenses &c.

S/ Wyatt Hewell

State of Georgia Newton County

On this 24th day of June in the year 1833 – Personally came before the Honorable Inferior Court for said County now sitting – and in open Court – after being duly sworn according to law – doth on his oath say that the foregoing statement – made out by himself contains the facts of his Revolutionary services – so far as said Wyatt Hewell does now recollect which is made out as a part of his declaration to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 – 1832 – in addition to his declaration made on the 24th day of December 1832

S/ Wyatt Hewell

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

S/ Wm D. Congers, JIC NC

Georgia Newton County 20th of September 1833

Dear Sir }

I again inform you that it is out of my power to prove my Enlistment according to your Requirement for as I informed you before I am now living five hundred miles from where I performed the Service & I have not been in the County since January 1786 which is 47 years ago & I am not now able to go & if I was every body that knows anything about my enlistment may be dead or moved away to I know not where and as I informed you before I was taken sick in a little time after I joined the Regiment & was in the hospital from sometime in April till sometime in June then went home on furlough in the way and manner I wrote you before and was never able to return to duty until I was discharged Sometime in December so that I know but little about the Officers but I think General Weddon [probably George Weedon] commanded the Virginia troops – at that time. I would think you if you would inform me whether Captain Thomas Minor,¹ William Owens, John Owens, Reuben Reason, John Cason, James Cason,² Wm Cason³ or any of them has applied for pensions or not & where he or they now resides & I will try to procure a certificate from some of them if I can do it by Riting [writing] but I am so infirm that I cannot ride and if nothing that I have done or can do will satisfy you may strike off the 10 months of my enlistment & send me what you think will be Right.

I am Respectfully

S/ Wyatt Hewell

N. B. while I was sick in the hospital Doctors Gault & McCloud attended the sick.

W. H.

¹ This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Minor W5374](#)

² Probably the same man as [James Cason S3124](#) who claimed service under Capt. Thomas Minor

³ Probably the same man as [William Cason S9157](#) who claimed service under Capt. Thomas Minor

Georgia Newton County 2th Sep: 1833

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my Enlistment according to your Requirement for as I
informed you before I am now living five hundred miles from where
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or moved away to I know not where and as I informed you before
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in the hospital from some time in April till some time in
June then went home on furlough in the way and manner I wrote
you before and was never able to return to duty till I was dis-
-charged some time in December so that I know but little about
the officers but I think Gen: Madson commanded the Virginia
troops at that time I would thank you if you would inform
me whether Cap: Tho: Moore M^r Covert John Covert Reubin
Reason John Cason James Cason or M^r Cason or any of them
has applyed for pensions or not & where he or they now resides
& I will try to procure a certificate from some of them if
I can do it by writing but I am so infirm that I cannot
ride and if nothing that I have done or can do will satisfie
you may strike of the 10 months of my enlistment & send
me what you think will be right.

Am yours Respectfully

Wyatt Howell

P.S. while I was sick in the hospital Dr: Gault & Mr Cloud
attended the sick M. H.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia service.]