

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Welch S3488

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State of Tennessee Weakley County: October Term 1832

This 8th day of October 1832 in Open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting John Welch a Resident of the County & [sic of] Weakley & State of Tennessee about seventy-six years old 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 the 7th day 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

Question by the Court: Where & in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Baltimore County in the state of Maryland the 8th day of November 1756 I think

Question by the same: Have you any Record of your age & if so where is it

Answer My father had the Record or Register of my age but I don't know now what has become of it.

Question by Same: Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolution war & where do you now live

Answer I lived in what is now called Bedford County but belonged to Campbell County at the time I left it in the State of Virginia. I moved from there to the State of North Carolina about the date 1786 & settled in that part of Roan [Rowan] County which is now attached to Iredell [Iredell] County. I lived there until the date 1830 at which time I moved to Weakley County Tennessee where I now live.

Question by Same: How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute & if a substitute for whom.

Answer: I enlisted for the term of eighteen months while I lived in Virginia under Captain Dixon I think in the month of January but I do not recollect in what day we marched out on the frontiers of Kentucky & was stationed at a place called Ricove [sic, Rye Cove?] on Clinch River Waters where we remained until we were marched to Long Island on Holston [River] where we remained until a Treaty was made with the Indians of the Cherokee Tribe after which time I received a discharge & went home. I was next called out in the Militia service & was stationed at New London to guard the Magazine in the County of Bedford where I remained until my Time of service expired & I Received a Discharge & returned home again.

I was next called into service in the Militia under Captain Gilbert to go to Portsmouth & marched to rendezvous at Holt's Store there we received news that the British had left Portsmouth & we were discharged again [fn p. 6] I was next called into service under Captain

Adams & marched to Long Island on Stanton River where I remained for some time I was then discharged for want of guns there not being guns enough for all the men there. I was next called into service to march against Cornwallis while he was at little York & I hired a substitute to go in my place.

Question by Same: State the names of some of the officers where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I was acquainted in my first tour with Captain Dixon Lieutenant Ervin & Ensign Russell & Colonel Joseph Martin there was no Regular Troops with us. In my second Tour I was acquainted with Captain Gilbert Lieutenant James Adams Colonel Charles Lynch [Charles Lynch] Major Ward & in my third Tour I was with Captain James Adams who had been promoted from Lieutenant to Captain the field officers were the same the two last Tours. I was in no engagement during the war but I should have been in the Battle at Guilford if I could have had a gun there was a number discharged at the same time I was a Long Island on Stanton River where the soldiers marched against the British at Guilford Court House for want of guns.

[fn p. 5] Question by Same: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it

Answer I received three the first was assigned [sic] by Captain Dixon the second was assigned by Captain Gilbert & the third one by Captain Adams. The first Discharge was for eighteen months. The second & third for six months each but time has been so long I have either lost or mislaid them & and not able to say what has become of them.

Question by Same: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer: Israel F. Outhouse, Esquire, John W Finch, Ransom Mobley, William G Bowers, James Bowland Esquire Samuel Jamison & others

Question by Same: Have you any living witness by whom you can prove your services in the Revolution except by your own oath

Answer None that I know of his now alive

Question by Same do you now or have you ever received a pension for your service in the Revolution

Answer None except this & I do further relinquish all other claims as a pensioner in & by virtue of any previous act of Congress [fn p. 7] past previous to the 7th of June 1832.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 8th day of October 1832.

S/ Wm H. Johnson, Clerk

S/ John Welch

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Welch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[Moses T Span and William G Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]