

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles D. Wells S3493

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State of Ohio County of Harrison: SS

On this 12th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Charles D Wells a resident of Cadiz Township in said County & State, aged seventy-four 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 and served as hereinafter stated:

He was born in Diamond Ridge Parish in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland on the 3rd day of May A.D. 1758 as appears from a register kept by his father until his death & which he believes is now in the possession of the children of one of his brothers near Chillicothe in this State. He continued to reside in said Diamond Ridge Parish in Baltimore County about eleven miles from the City of Baltimore until the breaking out of the Revolutionary war & till the year 1779. In the summer of 1776 he was enrolled in a Company of Militia & took an oath of Allegiance or fidelity to the Colonies. He first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the spring of 1777 but the precise time he does not recollect. He marched with the company & Regiment to which he belonged to the City (then the town of Baltimore) for the purpose of defending it against and anticipated attack of the British by water. He entered the service for an unlimited time & the length of which was to depend on the Continuance or removal of the apprehended danger. The length of his service on this occasion was according to the best of his recollection, three weeks. During the year 1777 & 1778 he performed for other different tours of service with the same Company and Regiment & to the same place, & under the same circumstances & for the same period, but the exact time of the commencement & termination of each period of said services he is unable to recollect, but no one of them was less than three weeks & one or two between five & six weeks. During all these periods of service he served under Captain Nathaniel Stinchcomb]? & Lieutenant John Dorsey 2nd Lieutenant William Gardner. The Field Officers were Brigadier General Samuel Smith (of Baltimore) Brigade Inspector Andrew Buchanan & Colonel Joseph Gist, who was succeeded by Colonel John Dorsey. There were no Regular troops at Baltimore at any of those times when he was stationed there, & the whole military force for the defense of the place consisted of their Regiments or Battalions, one of which was called the "City Battalion" another the "Gun Powder Battalion" & the third (to which he belonged) the "Diamond Ridge" or "Soldier's The light Battalion". In April 1779 he removed West of the mountains in what is now Brook County Virginia within about six miles of Willsburgh where he continued to reside until August in the same year when he enlisted as a volunteer but what day of the month he cannot recollect, into the

service of the United States for six months in the Virginia Line and armed & equipped himself. Shortly after his enlistment he & the body of troops to which he was attached consisting of about nine hundred, to wit, three hundred Regulars, to Companies of volunteers & the balance of militia, all under the command of Colonel Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead] & Lieutenant Colonel Gibson [John Gibson], rendezvoused at Fort Pitt. Shortly after he marched with the troops above mentioned under the command of officers just mentioned to the Muncie Towns on the Allegheny River about two hundred miles above Fort Pitt. There they destroyed the towns (after routing the Indians). They also destroyed nearly three hundred acres of corn killed several Indians & took a large quantity of plunder of various descriptions, consisting of two hundred or three hundred large copper kettles, fifteen or sixteen horses, several of which were loaded with skins of different kinds, about forty canoes & two bowls [?]¹ of scalping [indecipherable word]² a quantity of plow irons probably some other articles which he does not remember. The frontier settlements had been much harassed by the Indians from these towns, which was the object of breaking them up. The militia engaged in this Service had been drafted only for three weeks, & when their time expired refused marching any further, & mutiny was likely to be the Consequence, but they were finally prevailed upon by Colonel Broadhead to continue in the service on his promise that the extra time they might serve should go to their credit on another draft. It was about six weeks after they commenced this expedition until they returned to Fort Pitt where they remained ten days & then were marched back to the place from which they had started & went into stockade Fort in which they continued for the purpose of guarding the frontier settlements. During the residue of the six months he performed various scouts (in which he was employed the principal part of the time) in pursuit of the Indians West of the Ohio River. These scouts generally extended along the Indian Wheeling Creek, from thence to the Tuscarawas River near the Moravian towns, & from thence to the Sandy & the mouth of the Big Beaver & from thence (generally crossing at the Mingo Bottom) house again. In one of these scouts he was engaged in a skirmish with the Indians four miles above the mouth of Big Beaver in which six of the Indians were killed. The party to which he belonged in this skirmish was commanded by Captain Francis McGuin & piloted by Samuel Brady & Lewis Whitsell Spies; the Captain who commanded the Company to which he belonged during said enlistment was Samuel Teter & Lieutenant George McConnel. He received a discharge at the end of his term of enlistment, signed by Captain Teter but supposing it would never be of any use to him he suffered it to be destroyed several years ago & since he removed to his present place of residence which was in the year 1811. He continued to reside at the place where he enlisted till the year 1811. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said services except one Christopher Mummy³ who he has understood is living below Zanesville & who was in the same Company with him during his said 6 months service and in answer to questions by the Court he says the names of some of those persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution, are General Walter B. Beebe, John Pritchard, David Kilgore & William Grimes of Cadis, & Bazaliel Wells of Steubenville, Ohio & John McFadden.

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³ [Christopher Mummy S4247](#)

He was born in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland on the 23rd day of May 1758. He has no record of his age, but derived his knowledge from same which was kept by his father. When he entered the service of the United States the first time he was living in said Baltimore County & the last time in the Western part of Virginia in what is now Washington County; he continued to reside there until the year 1811 when he removed to his present place of residence in Harrison County Ohio & has resided there from that time to the present.

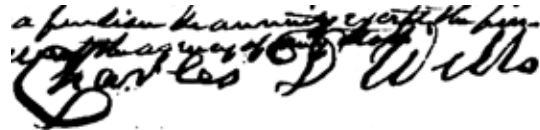
He entered the service of the United States on each of the occasions mentioned in his declaration as a volunteer

There were no regular officers with the troops where he served except during the last enlistment, The principle of those whom he recollects our Colonel Broadhead, Lieutenant Colonel Gibson & Captain Harden, who commanded a Company of Infantry.

He never had any discharge except from his last period of service & that several years ago he suffered to be destroyed, supposing it would be of no use to him.

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

S/Charles D Wells

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles D Wells". Above the signature, there is a faint, handwritten note that says "a further statement of the facts of the case of the agency of Ohio".

[John Pritchard, Walter B. Beebe, & Wm Grimes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Ohio Morgan County: SS

Personally appeared before the Subscriber an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for Morgan County aforesaid, Christopher Mummy who after being duly cautioned and sworn deposes and says that he the said deponent is acquainted with Charles D Wells of Harrison County Ohio that he the said deponent volunteered his service into the United States Army for six months in the Virginia line & shortly after his enlistment he and the body of troops to which he belonged consisting of about nine hundred men to wit three hundred Regulars two Companies of volunteers & the balance of militia all went under the command of Colonel Broadhead & Lieutenant Colonel Gibson rendezvoused at Fort Pitt. Shortly after he marched with the troops above mentioned under the command of the officers just named to the Munsee Towns on the Allegheny River about two hundred miles above Fort Pitt after routing the Indians they also destroyed nearly three hundred acres of corn killed several Indians & took a large quantity of plunder of various kinds. It was about six weeks after they commenced this expedition before they returned to Fort Pitt where they remained about ten days & then marched back to the place from which they started & went into Stockade Forts in which they continued for the purpose of guarding the frontier settlements. During the residue of the six months he was employed the principal part of the time in pursuit of the Indians West of the Ohio River. These scouts generally extended along Indian Wheeling Creek from thence to the Tuscarawas River near the only Moravian Towns and from thence to the Sandy & the mouth of the Big Beaver & from thence generally crossing the Ohio at the Mingo Bottom house again the Captain who commanded the company to which he belonged during said enlistment was Samuel Teter & the Lieutenant was George McConnell. The deponent further says that he was well acquainted with the aforesaid Charles B Wells in the in the time of the aforesaid service that deponent and said wells were in the same Company & knows of the said wells performing 6 months as above said

and further deponent saith not.

S/ Christopher Mummy, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 29 days in the Maryland/Virginia service.]