

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wells¹ S39881

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Fairfax County Commonwealth of Virginia: to wit:

On this 20th day of August 1822, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, John Wells resident in said County aged 65 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 of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said John Wells enlisted for the term of during the War in March or April 1783 in the State of Virginia, in the Company of light Dragoons commanded by Captain John Bedkins in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armong [Lt. Col. Charles Armand] in the line of the state of Virginia Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until October 1784 when he was discharged from the said service at the Town of Little York in the State of Pennsylvania, that he was in no battle or battles while he was on the Continental establishment and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services except the evidence of Nathaniel Wells the brother of this Declarant who now receives a pension, and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I also declare that I have no trade except that of a farmer the pursuit of which I have long since resigned in consequence of age, infirmity & other causes, this declarant will now remark that he is nearly in his 66th year in extreme indigence, that he is severely afflicted with the rheumatism and in bad health, that he has spent the morning of his days and the best part of his life in the cause of his Country and is now bowing under the ponderous pressure of Indigence, bodily diseases &c, which render it necessary that Government should do something for his support in alleviating his wretched condition. His wife is dead by whom he had 9 Children 4 of which are living with him to wit, George aged 20, John 17, Eleanor 13, William 10 part of whom considerably accelerate his wretched Condition and add weight to his labor in supporting them, from the oldest he receives little or no benefit, his children who do not live with him are as follows: Nancy, Matilda, Peggy, James and probably the 3 first named of whom are married, this applicant will also state that he received a severe wound about the year 1782 in fighting against the Indians but not on the

¹ BLWt796-100

Continental Establishment.

S/ John Wells, X his mark

Sworn to & declared on the 20th day of August 1822 before

S/ Wm Moss

Schedule

of the property of John Wells a revolutionary pensioner to wit

One bed of little value	\$2.00
One pot and Oven	.75
Some tea cups and saucers	.30
A spinning wheel	1.50
2 Axes	2.00
Drawing knife	1.50
Some Shoemaker tools	1.25
my hickory cane that I have had for 2 or 3 years	.18 ³ / ₄
3 Small hoes	.75
A Set knives and forks	<u>1.37</u>
	\$9.80 ³ / ₄

S/ John Wells, X his mark

Fairfax County State of Virginia to wit

Nathaniel Wells² came before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that John Wells entered into the services of the United States during the Revolutionary War in Colonel Armong's Legion to serve during the war in the fall of the year 1781 soon after the siege of York. That the said John served till the end of the war & was then discharged. Given under my hand & seal this 16th day of November 1816

S/ John ? Hunter

Loudoun County: SS

the deposition of Robert Hinwood³ in his 68 year Deposeh & Saith that he was well acquainted with John Wells whilst he this deponent was a private in the coar [Corps] or Legion of Colonel Armand in the Revolutionary War & that the said John Wells enlisted for during the war & did serve with fidelity & Honor to the Expiration of the said war & was Honorably discharged from the above named service & Army when this deponent was (sometime in the month of November 1785 as well as this deponent recollects) at Yorktown in Pennsylvania.

Sworn and subscribed to this 6th day of December 1817 before us justices of the peace for the County of Loudoun & state of Virginia

S/ Chas. Lewis

S/ Robert Henwood, R his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing August 20, 1822 as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² FPA W4098

³ Sic, Robert Henwood FPA934