

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Wolcott S40728

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Personally appeared before me David Smith one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Franklin and State of Ohio William Wolcott now a resident of said County and for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 18th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen making provision for the officers & soldiers engaged in the Revolutionary War on Continental establishment under solemn oath makes the following Declaration to wit That on the 8th day of May 1778 he enlisted as a private soldier in the Company of Captain Levin Handy [pension application W9475] attached to the 5th Maryland Regiment at that day commanded by Col. [William] Richardson and afterwards by Col. [John Eager] Howard for the term of three years. This Deponent served about two years under said enlistment when he enlisted for during the War in the same company and Regiment which was commanded by Brig Genl [William] Smallwood and continued a true and faithful soldier untill the Conclusion of the War. this Deponent further states that he fought at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and on the Seventeenth day of April 1780 marched to the South with his Company and was at the Defeat of General [Horatio] Gates at Camden in S Carolina [16 Aug 1780] then retreated to Hillsbough [sic: Hillsborough NC] and at Charlotte was detached under the command of General [Daniel] Morgan and fought at the battle of the Cowpens which was on the Seventeenth day of January 1781 – after this battle this deponent retreated with the American troops and at Guilford Court House was detached to take care of the wounded who were with this Deponent taken prisoners a few days after the battle of the Cowpens [sic?] – After remaining some time at Guilford this Deponent was receipted for by Genl Smallwood as a prisoner to Lord Cornwallis and marched with said Smallwood to Annapolis Maryland as one of his body Guard

This Deponent on his arrival at Annapolis was in a very hard state of health and received a furlough from Major Coats Jones [sic: John Courts Jones W25166] aid to Genl Smallwood for the time of about three weeks and it was again renewed untill his health should be restored and this Deponent Continued in bad health untill the Peace and was unable to join his company untill the peace was Concluded and from this reason alone did not receive his discharge and has none now to produce – This Deponent refers to Col Richard Anderson [S10059] now living at Montgomery Courthouse MD and to Col Phillip Reed living near Rockhall Kent County MD as officers in the Revolutionary War who were acquainted with this Deponent while a Soldier as above stated. this Deponent has never received any pension from his Country for his services in the revolutionary war he is now in his fifty ninth year is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

[24 Dec 1819]

William hisXmark Wolcott

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1820.

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that William Walcott enlisted as a private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1778 and was discharged on the – Mark'd p'd on Margin No doubt he is Entitled to a pension.

Thos. Karney A.G.S.Md.

District of Ohio Ss

On this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the open Court of the Court of Common pleas of of the County of Franklin and district of Ohio said Court being a court of Record by the Constitution of Ohio, William Woolcott aged Fifty Nine years and two months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows towit, he enlisted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1778 in Capt Levin Handys Company of the 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland regiment commanded by Col. Richardson & Continued

in Service as stated and set forth in his original application now in the war department and date not recollected – say some time in December 1819 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Schedule of my property towit

One horse aged ten years and one bed – have no family living with me and am supported by the bounty of my friends and connexions occupation that of a shoemaker and am still able to do something at the buisness though not sufficient to yeald me near an adequate Support William hisXmark Wolcott