

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Wadsworth S41296

fn29VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

rev'd 7/20/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Virginia To wit

At Court held for the County of Harrison on the 18th day of May 1818 and 42nd year of the Commonwealth present Samuel P. Moore, Edward B. Jackson, John Reynolds, Joseph Chewuront [?], and William A. Rogers, Gentlemen, Justices before the Court aforesaid personally appeared Robert Wadsworth aged ___ years resident in the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law dotting on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to Provisioning for Certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War". That he the said Robert Wadsworth [sic] about in March in the year 1776 enlisted in the war under Captain Abel Westfall on the South Branch of Potomac in the 8th Virginia Regiment. He went to the South, was in the Battle at Charleston, in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown he served about 3 years and 11 months. He first enlisted for 1 year, before his time was up, he enlisted for 3 years got a discharge which is lost. He was considerable part of the time attached to General Washington Life Guard and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support.

A Copy Test: S/ J. Wilson, JCHC

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Robert Wadsworth served in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy and from the Declaration here filed and their belief in it with from examination of the said Robert before the Court and his standing as a Citizen in this County. It is ordered that the said declaration with the Opinion of this Court was certified to the honorable Secretary of War. The Court being fully satisfied that the said Robert did serve more than nine months in the Army of the United States against the common enemy and that he is in reduced circumstances said the opinion of this Court for support.

A Copy Test: S/ J. Wilson Jr., Clerk

Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 22nd day of June 1820 being a Court of record established by an act of the general assembly of this Commonwealth personally appeared in open Court Robert Wadsworth aged 70 years, resident in the County of Harrison, Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: he enlisted in the year 1776 in the 8th Virginia Regiment in the Company of Capt. Abel Westfall, Virginia Line, and the his original declaration was made 18th day of May 1818 and the number of his Pension Certificate is 5981. And he also took the following oath viz., "I Robert Wadsworth, do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of

March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 interest thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provision for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War" saith on the eighth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 scheduled herewith annexed and by me subscribed, to wit. I own 5 head of horses, 6 cows and 3 calves, 8 one year old calves, 20 head of hogs and pigs, 4 sheep, my household furniture and farming utensils are worth \$21. I have due me \$14. In am in debt \$100.00.["]

S/ Robert Wadsworth

and the said Robert also declared as following, viz, "I am by occupation a Cooper, but unable to labour, have six in family viz, myself and children, Robert 16 years old, Jesse 14 years old, Mary 15 years old, Rachel 12 years old, and Nancy 10 years old. Their joint labour would not support them.["]

S/ Robert Wadsworth.

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 22 day of June 1820.

Virginia To wit

At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 21st day of February 1821 (being a count of record established by an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth) Personally appears before the Court aforesaid Robert Wadsworth aged 70 years resident in the County of Harrison Va. who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows he enlisted in the year 1776 in the 8th Virginia Regiment in the company of Capt. Abel Westfall Virginia Line. His original declaration was made May 18th 1818. The number of his pension certificate is 5981 and he took the following oath before said Court to wit. "I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 services of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 , that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contract, or debt due to me nor have I any income other than what is in the schedule assessment annexed & by me subscribed. Viz. The whole of my property has been seized for rent and if sold will not pay the amount claimed \$150.

S/ Robert Wadsworth

and the said Robert further declared as following, I am by occupation a cooper but unable to labor. I have in family 6 persons, myself, my son Robert 16 years of age, Jesse 14 years, Mary 15 years, Rachel 12 years, and Nancy 10 years of age . Their joint labour will not support them.

S/ Robert Wadsworth

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 18, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]