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Pension Application of James Wiers (sic, Wears): S41358

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State of Virginia, Botetourt County

At a Court held for the County of Botetourt in the State of Virginia, this 9th day of June 1818

James Wiers (sic, Wears) an inhabitant of this County and a Citizen of this state, personally appeared in court, being a Court of Record, and made oath that he enlisted [sic, enlisted] in Captain Adam Wallace's company in the Army of the United States on Continental Establishment in the War of the Revolution – that he served in said company, (which was attached to a Regiment then commanded by Col. Abraham Buford) about eighteen months, when he received seven wounds at the defeat¹ of said Regiment by Col. Tarleton [*Banastre Tarleton*] of the British Army at a place called the Hanging Rock in South Carolina, he thinks in the year 1780 or 1781 at which time he was made prisoner and paroled by Col. Tarleton – after which time he was no more in service, being disabled by the said wounds, that he never received a discharge, nor does he know that he was ever exchanged, and finally that he is now in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his country for support ~

Henry Bowyer made oath that he served in the Regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Buford above mentioned as a Lieutenant and Adjutant, which Regiment as composed of detachments from the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment, that he knew the above mentioned James Wiers to be a soldier in said Regiment and that he was in the action aforesaid where this deponent also was, that he believes from the scars appearing on the body of said Wiers and from other circumstances that he was severely wounded in that action.

At another court held for the county aforesaid, the 10th day of March 1819:

It appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said James Wiers did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months, at least, at one time on Continental Establishment; and that he needs the assistance of his county for support: the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War.

The foregoing is a true copy from the records of the court aforesaid. In testimony whereof, I, Henry Bowyer, Clerk of said Court have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my said office the 12th day of March 1819.

H. Bowyer



State of Virginia, Botetourt County, to wit,

On this 11th day of September 1820- Personally appeared James Wiers, (aged about Eighty two years) in Open Court, being a Court of Record for the said county, which proceeds according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment. And the said James Wiers being first duly sworn according to law at which on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision

¹ May 29, 1780: https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and then 1st May 1820 – that he, the said James Wiers entered in Captain Adam Wallace’s Company in the Army of the United States on Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War; that he served in said company (which was attached to a Regiment or Detachment then commanded by Col. Abraham Buford) about eighteen months, when he received seven wounds at the defeat of said Regiment by Col. Tarlton (sic, Tarleton) of the British Army, at a place called the Hanging Rock in South Carolina, he thinks in the year 1780 or 81, when he was taken prisoner and paroled by said Col. Tarlton (sic, Tarleton); after which he was no more in said service, being disabled by the said wounds. That he received no discharge from the Army, nor does he know whether he was exchanged or not. He further states that he is now in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his country for support, as will appear by my original Declaration dated (as appears by my Pension Certificate No. 9854) this 9th day of June 1818 – And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, he solemnly swears, that he was a resident citizen of the United States of America on the 18th March 1818 – and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any other manner disposed of his property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled “an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of this United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th March 1818; and that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property on securities, contracts or debt due to him, nor has he any income other than is contained in the schedule hereto announced, and by me subscribed: Schedule – one cow, one small mare purchased with the money received of my pension last year, besides my wearing apparel.

His

James “X “ Wiers

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That he is a laborer by profession, but is unable, through age and infirmity to work; that he has a wife of 62 years and has no children living with him, they having grown up and left him. Sworn to and declared in open court this 11th September 1820.

Magistrates comprising said court} Thos. Wilson, Wm. Anderson, Nath. Burwell, and John Kelly.
Gentlemen.

I, Henry Bowyer, Clerk of the Court of Botetourt County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Declaration and Schedule thereto announced, are truly copied from the record of the said Court – and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property contained in the aforesaid schedule is \$37.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court this 12th day of September, 1820.

H. Bowyer, Clk.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 9, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 18 months.]