

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wheeley (Wheley) [sic, John Whaley¹] S42072

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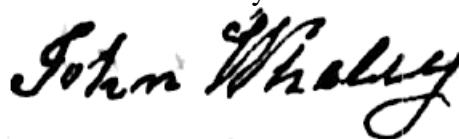
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North Carolina – SS that

On this 22nd day of July A.D. 1818 before may the subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity of the said State, personally appeared John Wheeley aged sixty-six years resident in Orange County in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolution" – That he the said John enlisted in King & Queen County in Virginia, in the year 1777 in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Dudley of the 2nd Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel __day of May – that he enlisted for three years – that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until first day of May 1780, when he was discharged from service in Williamsburg in Virginia by Lieutenant Colonel __ Brent. That he was in the battle of Stoney Point besides skirmishes; & that he is in reduced circumstances & needs the Assistance of his Country for support; & that he hath no other evidence now in his power of his said services than that hereto annexed – Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid at Orange County

S/ Thomas Ruffin

S/ John Whaley



[Clayton Jones and Philip Birch of Orange County North Carolina gave a supporting affidavit in which they said they knew the veteran while living in King & Queen County Virginia and knew of his enlistment in the Continental Army but did not themselves enlist in the Army; that they are now residents of Orange County North Carolina and believe the veteran to be in need of the assistance of his country for support.]

[fn p. 8: is a power of attorney granted by the veteran to James S. Smith of Orange County, NC to pursue his claim for a pension. This document bears the following signature:

¹ The veteran clearly appears to me to have signed his name "John Whaley."

John Wheeley

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this first day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court (this being the Court of record for Orange County) John Wheeley aged 68 years, resident in Orange County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the War of the Revolution as follows. That he served in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel Grant in the company commanded by Captain Henry Dudley, that he served for the term of 3 years & was in the Battle at Stony Point, and was discharged at Williamsburg – That he was placed on the pension roll of the United States under the act of 1818 on the 25th day of January 1819 & that the number of his original Certificate is 5678 –

S/ John Wheeley²

Schedule of property of John Wheeley a Pensioner

8 Bushels of wheat \$4

He is aged 68 and infirm. His wife is aged 71, she cannot walk and is unable to help herself. He has a boy about 8 years old in his family. This composes all his family. He is a farmer by occupation.

S/ John Wheeley

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 22, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² This is clearly the name of the veteran written by the scribe on the document and NOT the actual signature of the veteran.

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Addendum to John Wheeley S42072

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 February 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Wheeley a soldier of the 2^d Virginia State Rgement having served the Term of Three years for which he was enlisted is hereby discharg'd the Service. Given under my hand at Williamsburg this first day of May 1780. W. Brent Colo. [William Brent VAS2639]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Brent Colo.", written in a cursive style.