

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Welch S49262

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions September Term 1832:

On this the 14th day of September 1832 Joseph Welch, now about the age of 88 years, being a resident in the said County of Stokes, personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the said court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Stokes aforesaid, and being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following officers as herein stated viz. He, the said Joseph Welch, was born in Albemarle County Virginia in the year 1744 that as to a record of his age he has none.

That when first called into the service he lived in Surry County NC that since the revolutionary war he has lived in the County of Stokes NC and now lives in the County of Stokes aforesaid: that he was called into service by volunteering in the NC militia. That the following officers were with the troops where he served to wit I served under Captain James Shepherd, Lieutenant Peter Binkley, was under Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke], near Salisbury NC under General Rutherford. I was in Briar Creek¹ battle in Georgia, on Savannah [River], I was then under Captain Henry Smith. I served faithfully during six months: after this I was drafted, in the militia, of Virginia & served two tours of three months each under Marquis Lafayette, under Captain Herman Kritt [?], Colonel Lyon. I received a discharge from my Captain (Smith) in the South, but it is lost. I received no discharge in Virginia. That he is well known to James Wright a clergyman, John Banner, & Wm Moore & John Ward who can and will testify to his services and character for veracity. That he was in the service in all about 12 months.

S/ ~~Joseph Welch~~, X his mark

he, the said Joseph Welch, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State: he further declares that he is entirely destitute of property and wholly unable to labor by reason of age and infirmity.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Welch, X his mark

S/ Mo. Hill, C. C. C.

¹ March 3, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

I John Ward,² of the County of Stokes aforesaid do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Joseph Welch who has sworn to and subscribed to the above declaration, that we believe him to be of the age of 88 years: that we know that he served as a revolutionary soldier in the North Carolina militia under Captain Shepherd for the term of one tour as he states. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Ward

[James Wright, a clergyman and John Banner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March forth, 1831, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² [John Ward W9872](#)