

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Sylvester Welch S6342

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 February 2023.

Virginia

Fauquier County to wit;

On this 1st day of December 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Fauquier, Sylvester Welch Sen'r. a resident in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

that he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 5th day of February in the year 1777 with Samuel Denny and served in the 1st Virginia Regiment of Artillery under the following named officers, Col. Charles Harrison [VAS1411], Lieut. Col. Edward Carrington [W6635], Major Christopher Holman [sic: Christian Holmer VAS584], Capt. John Dandridge [W6993], 1st. Lieut. Whitehead Coleman, 2nd. Lieut. William Godman [S39600] The artillery was commanded by Gen'l. [Henry] Knox – that he enlisted in the County of Northumberland, in the state of Virginia where he resided at the time of his enlistment – That he then marched to York Town Va, from thence to Valley Forge passing through Fredericksburg, Leesburg and Frederick Town Md., Lancaster, Pennsylvania – that he was in the battle of Monmouth [NJ, 28 Jun 1778], and marched from thence to the White plains [NY], and sundry other places not now recollected until the expiration of his term which was three years. That he left the service on the 5th day of February 1780 having been discharged at Morris Town [Morristown], New Jersey. that he served his one term of enlistment. that he never belonged to any other regiment than the one above mentioned as he believes – that he found the above named officers in command when he arrived at Valley Forge, and left the three first named officers in command when he received his discharge which he has lost. that he cannot be mistaken in the number of his regiment as it was invariably placed on the right [i.e. the place of honor according to seniority]. That at this time he knows of no person living who was with him in the service – that amongst others who served with him he mentions Edward Shacklett [W6037], John Roach [W3871], Dale Carter [VAS2909], James Bailey, John Hopper [VAS1605], William Foster [W2986], Gideon Johnson [Gideon Johnston S38089] – that his pay was eight dollars and one third per month – That he removed to the County of Fauquier about the year 1787.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Sylvester hisXmark Welch Sen'r.

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

I do Certify that Silvester Welch inlisted as a Soldier in Colo Harrison's regiment of Continental artillery February 5th 1777 for the Term of three years which time he faithfully served and was discharged 5th February 1780. Given under my hand this 2^d day of November 1783.

Sign'd Edw'd Carrington

Lt Colo Art'y

(A Copy B Stark)

Sir Please to settle & issue Joseph Locke the Within mentioned proportion of Land & Certificate agreeable to my discharge
Silvester hisXmark Welch

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Fauquier County to wit [10 March 1831]

I do hereby certify that I enlisted in Captain John Dandridge's Company in the Virginia Continental line for three years and served out my time faithfully and was regularly discharged and that I never received my land.

Sylvester hisXmark Welch

Teste Ch. H. Stunton

State of Virginia

Fauquier County

This day William Tomlin [S6261] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with Sylvester Welch who was a soldier of the Va Continental line in the revolution he enlisted in the [undeciphered] Company and faithfully served out his time Given under my hand the 11th day of March 1831

Elias Edwards J.P.

1831 July 30 Rejected/ No evidence credibly

NOTE: William Mott, 61, and William Welch, 72, stated that they had lived in Northumberland County very near to Sylvester Welch, Sr. and knew of his enlistment, and that Mott had moved to Fauquier County about 1785 and William Welch about 1790.