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Pension Application of James Welch S6345

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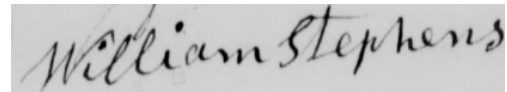
At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Buckingham County at the Courthouse on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832—

On this day personally appeared in court James Welch a resident of the county aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he is a native of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia and has always resided in this County (with the exception of the following tours of service performed by him during the War of the Revolution. He enlisted under Capt James Bristoe who shortly resigned, and was succeeded by Capt. Thomas Ballosoe[?] under whom he marched until he joined Colo, afterwards Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan, and marched to fort Washington near the Kentucky line in pursuit of Indians [see endnote]. Near fort Washington he was in a severe engagement with the Indians, in this service he remained for two years, during which time he remained in the Carolina's and Virginia, was then discharged and remained several months at home. He then marched from this county under Capt. Red to the Barracks in Albemarle County to guard the prisoners [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 until Feb 1781], where he remained five weeks and was discharged. He then returned and marched in the Militia under Capt Peter Guerrand to Hillsborough town, in North Carolina, where he was put under the command of Capt [George] Waller from Henry County Virginia as he then understood. From that place he marched to Ruseleys mill near Chasleton South Carolina [sic: Rugeley's Mill 12 mi N of Camden] where he under General [Horatio] Gates was in a severe engagement with the British forces [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. He does not recollect the precise dates of these engagements, and therefore forbear to state them. In the tour last spoken of, he remained three months, he was then discharged & returned home, shortly after which he marched under Capt Peter May to Cheraw hills in South Carolina, where under Capt May he remained for three months. Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] commanding. He then joined Capt. Isaac Webb under whom he was marched, Maj'r. Mitchell commanding in various directions over North Carolina, in which service he remained seven months during which time he was in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], he was then discharged, which with the other discharges and paper evidence he has long since lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name does not appear upon any pension roll or any agency in any State. Sworn and subscribed the 12 Sep. 1832 in open court.

James Welch

I William Stephens of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I marched in think in the year of 1780, from the County aforesaid under the Command of Capt. Peter May, that James Welch, who has made a declaration to which this is attached also marched at the same time under the said Capt. May, that we remained together until we reached the Cheraw Hills in the State of South Carolina, where we were separated, I being attached to the Company of Capt. Anderson, and saw no more of James Welch.

Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832.



NOTE: "Colo, afterwards Gen'l. Morgan" was presumably Daniel Morgan, who was a Colonel from 12 Nov 1776 until promoted to Brigadier General on 13 Oct 1780. Morgan's service as a Colonel was in the North, not on the frontier. I could find no account of a Fort Washington that was the scene of an engagement with Indians.