

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

Pension Application of John Wells S6351 MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } ss  
County of Monongalia }

On this 22<sup>d</sup> day of October, in the year 1832, personally appeared before the County court of Monongalia, in open court now sitting John Wells a resident of said county aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States by enlisting in the month of August 1776 under Capt. John Dean in the Flying camp troops for four months at Queen-ann county [sic: Queen Annes County] in the state of Maryland – that from there he marched with Dean’s company to Kent Island on the Chesepeake bay where we remained two or three weeks – from there we went to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD], from thence to Christeen [probably Christiana DE], where we took water and went in sloops to Philadelphia – from there we marched to the city of New York, from there to the Tuckahoe heights, fifteen miles from New York, where we joined the Battalion consisting of ten companies commanded by Col. Benjamin Richardson of the Maryland line and remained there about three weeks – from thence the whole Battalion marched to the White plains, where we remained a few days, the Deleware Blues [sic: Delaware Blues] being then there – that next morning after arriving at the White plains we heard the cannonading half a mile off [Battle of White Plains, 28 Oct 1776] and our Battalion had orders to reinforce the Deleware Blues who were engaged with the enemy – at length orders were given to retreat and we crossed over to New Jersey, in which state we were employed in marching from place to place untill we were marched to Philadelphia where he and his company was discharged at the end of four months by a general discharge.

That he again entered the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1777 by being drafted in a company of militia for two months under the command of Capt James Roberts (at Queen Anns county Maryland) of the Maryland militia, from thence we marched into the state of Deleware and was engaged the whole two months in marching from place to place, between the Deleware & Chesepeake bay – that at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] his company was about five miles off – that near Christeen we were discharged at the end of two months by a general discharge.

That by reason of old age and great loss of memory he is unable to give a more detailed statement of his services, the country thro’ which he marched, or the names of more feild or Regular officers – that he has been for many years nearly deprived of his sight. that he is unable to labour. is the owner of no property and living upon the bounty of his children.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, that can testify to his services, it being now about twenty-five years since he removed from the scenes of his youth and the companions of his arms. that he was born in the year 1757 in Queen Anns’ county Maryland – that he continued to live in that part of the state, untill the year 1807 when he removed to the county of Monongalia aforesaid where he has ever since resided – that he has no record of his age – that he is personally known to the Rev’d. Joseph A Shackelford, Col. Dudley Evans, Col. Samuel Hanway, Capt. John Dent, David Musgrave and most of the old and respectable inhabitants of the county.

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

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John hisJWmark Wells  
[Certified by Joseph Shackelford and Dudley Evans. Thomas P. Ray certified as Clerk of Court.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote in this report “Entitled.”]

John Wells – Ser'd. 6 mo. Acc't.[?] Pension \$20.

I the undersigned John Wells in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following narative of my age & Revolutionary Services. I am seventy eighth year of age. in my nineteenth year of age I volunteered in queen Ann County Md under Capt. John Dean for four months and marched to Kent Island, from there to the head of Elk & thence to Philadelphia – from there to New York & thence to Tuckahoe Hights – then joined Col Richardsons Batallion and marched to the White Plains. crossed the River at that place & passed into New Jersey, remained there a while & returned to Philadelphia where I got my discharge & returned home.

In the succeeding fall I was drafted in same county and marched under Capt James Roberts towards Philadelphia – remained in service in that region of country for the [illegible word] two months. Col James Bryan commanded in this touer.

the forgoing comprises all the service I done. I cant recollect the years in which the service was done. Thos P Ray wrote my Declaration. I told him the same in substance I now tell. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name Nov. 4, 1834. John his mark Wells

Witness/ Isaac Cross

A Copy

W G Singleton

Note. this old gentleman seems to have been under a forced march in his first touer – is it not somewhat improbable?

W. G Singleton/ Dec 1 1834