

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Wickliffe S6409

f9VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

9/15/11 rev'd 3/11/14

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Fauquier County: SS

On this 4th day of December 1832 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid David Wickliffe a resident of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, aged seventy-eight 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 7th, 1832.

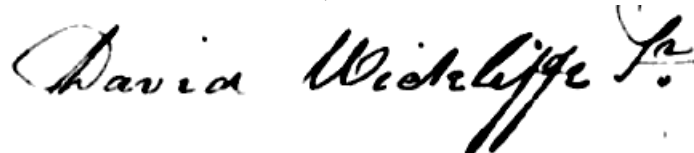
That in the latter part of the year 1775 as well as he recollects, he volunteered to serve in the minute service under Captain Andrew Leitch, Lieutenant Jack Payton [John Peyton], second Lieutenant Valentine Payton [Valentine Peyton], Ensign Robert Payton [Robert Peyton]. That they marched from the County of Prince William to Williamsburg, and from thence to Hampton, on the 6th day of February 1776 he enlisted for two years in the Army of the United States, to serve under the same Officers in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Macon, Lieutenant Colonel [name overwritten and illegible], Major Thomas Marshall. That they marched first to York Island where they had a battle, from thence to the White Plains, where they had another battle, during this time there was a change in the officers of the Regiment, Thomas Marshall was Colonel and my Captain Leitch Major, Jack Peyton Captain & the said Wickliffe still continuing in the same Regiment which went into winter quarters the next winter at blue Mount Camp: that he still continued in the same Regiment in all its [indecipherable word or words] service, was in the battle at Brandywine, where he got severely wounded, yet he served out his full term of service, and obtained an honorable discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State, and that he never before made application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Wm Thompson

S/ David Wickliffe, Sr.



Interrogatories propounded to David Wickliffe by William Thompson a Justice of the peace for Fauquier County: 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Westmoreland County Virginia near Mattox Bridge the 5th of March 1755.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a record, it being my father's register, kept in his family Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Prince William County when I first entered the service, since the Revolutionary war I lived eleven years in the County of King George, then removed to Fauquier and settled where I at present reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered in the minute service, and enlisted voluntarily in the regular Army in defense of the Country, suffered greatly for food and raiment but submitted to those privations.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. The first and 2nd Virginia Regiment were often together, the names of their officers of the 3rd Regiment were name principally in my declaration I think Colonel Lawson commanded the 2nd Regiment. We were often honored with the company of Generals Washington, Lee, Woodford, Scott, Putnam &c and I believe I would repeat nearly all the Captains' names, the circumstances of my service are set forth in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I did receive an honorable discharge, but have forgotten which of my Officers signed it. The discharge has been lost or mislaid many years.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. As to my character for veracity I refer to every man who knows me or has had transactions with me, but particularly to my near neighbors James Cox, Elijah Hansbrough, Major Seth Combes, Richard Luckett, Daniel Jones, Joseph Shumate, Rodham Tullop Post Master at Somerville and Richard E. Beale,¹ who served in the 3rd Virginia Regiment with me. I am now afflicted with an ugly on my hand very painful at times and feel myself unable to travel to court to be examined and therefore have requested a Magistrate to wait on may at my own house.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ Wm Thompson

S/ David Wickliffe Sr.

[George Eastham and Meredith Eskridge gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Richard E. Beale W1128](#)