

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wade S7826

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The State of Mississippi and County of Madison: To wit;

On this fourth day of October in the year A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before me Isaac R. Nicholson presiding Judge of the Superior in Circuit Court in the 5th Judicial District in the State and County of aforesaid now sitting being a court of record, Joseph Wade, a resident of Bear Creek in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi aged Seventy-Four years, who being 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 the 7th A.D. 1832.

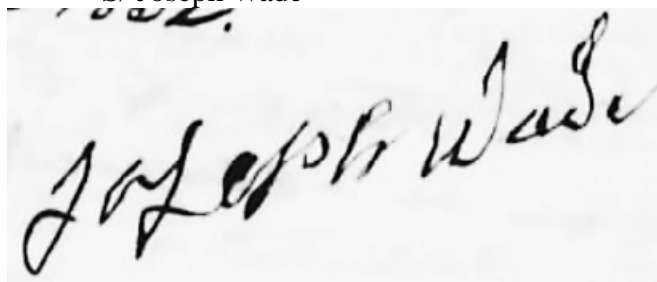
That I entered the United States service under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit –I agreed to personate [sic] and represent John Gibbs in order to do this it was necessary that I should pursue the company of drafted militia of Dupeland [sic, Duplin] County North Carolina to which Gibbs properly belonged on their way to Elizabethtown on Cape Fair [sic, Cape Fear] River the place appointed for them to rendezvous and for which they had set out before I was employed as a substitute. Therefore, being left alone I entered the service of the United States as a Substitute under Captain Obadiah Roundtree who was then marching from Virginia to Savannah (but it has been so long I do not recollect to what Regiment he belonged or any of the rest of the officers of that troops) & upon arriving at Elizabethtown I expected to be transferred from Captain Roundtree's company to the troops to which Gibbs belonged but upon our arrival at that place they had marched to Puryburg on Savannah River to which point we also continued to march but when I got within a mile of the place we were ordered to occupy a situation in Black Swamp where we remained three months I was then discharged but do not recollect the date at which I entered the service or when I quit but at this time I think I was a man grown [?] perhaps twenty or twenty-one years of age. In a short time after I returned to Duplin [County] I was drafted among other Citizens of Duplin County North Carolina and joined the ranks on their march at Santee [River in SC] under the command of General Linnington [sic, John Alexander Lillington] who discharged me at Charleston together with many of the rest of the North Carolina militia then and at that place [I] entered myself as a volunteer in the company of Captain Johnson [James Johnson of Bladen County] under the command of Colonel Littel [sic, Archibald Lytle] and General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and remained there endeavoring to defend the place until it was invaded and taken [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] by the British who were commanded by Clinton [Sir Henry Clinton] who took us prisoners I remained with them a prisoner only nine days when I was suffered to go at large under parole granted by Clinton I then went to North Carolina and in a few months again volunteered and entered into the United States service under the command of General Lillington at Cross Creek a place where we rendezvoused a while embodied and marched to Raft Swamp after all Hector McNeal [sic, Hector McNeill] a Tory and his company we had a little race after

and caught several of them and made them prisoners from thence we marched to Ash-pool [sic, Ashpole Swamp?], thence to Shoe-heel from thence to Cole's bridge on Drowning Creek where we occupied a station for some time and then proceeded to march to Broad River I was taken sick on the way and continued so for some time but on recovering I went back to the company left [?] at Cole's bridge¹ on Drowning Creek North Carolina which was left there to guard the beef that had been slaughtered for the use of the Army this guard was under the command of an Ensign whose name I do not recollect whilst thus employed we were attacked by a large number of British and Tories who killed our Ensign and four or five of our men the balance of us escaped and returned to Cross Creek from thence to our respective places of abode immediately after which our discharge was sent to us by General Lillington, I also served three months in the company of horsemen under the command of Captain Samuel Oats and Major Dunbivin [?] during which I was kept in active exercise through the Carolinas. I do not recollect how long I served as a soldier but am confident I served at the least 12 or 18 months in the different regular Corps as aforesaid and was also mostly engaged in carrying on hostilities against the British and Tories during the five years ending the revolutionary war.

I have no documentary evidence of my services and do not recollect any person by whom I can prove them I have not received any pension nor was I ever been an applicant for one before the present I therefore hereby relinquish all claims to any pension granted by any former act of Congress. I do not know that my name is on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this fourth day of September A.D. 1832.
S/ Wm Balfour, Clk

S/ Joseph Wade

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Wade". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Isaac Wells, a clergyman, and Edmond Rice gave standard supporting affidavits.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Dobbs County North Carolina upon Neuse River on the third of February A.D. 1758.

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

Ans: In my father's Bible in North Carolina if the rest of the family has kept it

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

Ans: In Duplin County N. C. In the State of Georgia until the last 20 years which I have spent in what is now the State of

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 was first a substitute for John Gibbs. I was next Drafted and then volunteered
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.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coles_bridge.html

Ans: At the Siege of Charleston, served with Colonel Lytle and General Lincoln was there – I was under no other Continental officer except at Charleston – the rest of my service was in the Militia – the particulars of my service I have detailed in my general 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 received more than one but left them at my father's house and having no further use for them – one was from Col. Brown, Captain Oats, at Charleston I received no discharge having been taken prisoner

The State of Mississippi, Madison County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County Joseph Wade who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. I entered the service as a private and served a three months as substitute from January 1778 till April same year. In January 1779 I was drafted & served three months and then volunteered as a private, and served till taken prisoner at Charleston probably two months afterwards same year December I substituted for George Outler and served three months making altogether 11 months actual service – and for which I claim a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd day of August 1833.

S/ Joseph Wade

S/ S. W. Ewing, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]