

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Wheeler S7891

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State of Virginia County of Nelson: Sct.

On this 24th day of December 1832 Micajah Wheeler Senior of said County aged seventy-four years on the 2nd day of last October, 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 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia on the 2nd day of October 1758 and resided generally in said County of Albemarle until about 12 years since when he removed to the aforesaid County of Nelson where he now resides. That he has a register of his birth in his family [Bible?]. That about the 1st of September, he thinks in the year 1776, he was drafted as a militia man from the County of Albemarle & marched under Captain Robert Harris to Richmond thence to Williamsburg, thence to York, thence Hampton where he served a tour of forty days. He was discharged in Williamsburg, he returned home and again about eighteen months or more afterwards, he was drafted in the militia service as a commissary guard at the Albemarle Barracks, which were then erecting; he cannot be positive as to dates, but states them according to the best of his recollection, he served two months at the said Barracks under Major__ Ric[written over and illegible] who had the command of the small detachment of militia who were there. There were no other commissioned officers. He was himself a noncommissioned officer viz. a Sergeant, he was discharged at the end of two months. He was again drafted in the militia during the winter preceding the surrender of Cornwallis and marched from said County of Albemarle under Captain William Grayson to Richmond, thence to Williamsburg, thence to York, and Hampton & Halfway house where he served a tour of three months, he was discharged & came home about the last of March 1781. He recollects the names of the following officers under whom he served viz. Captain Robert Harris, Major Nicholas Lewis & Colonel William Nelson & General Thomas Nelson during his first tour – none but Major Rice during his service at the Barracks, during the last tour he recollects Major __ Campbell, Colonel __Dabney, General Thomas Nelson for a while & then General Wilson. He recollects that Dundas commanded the British forces while he served the last mentioned tour. He was again drafted when Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] came to Charlottesville in June 1781 under Captain John Martin and served for a few days only – he marched with others to the Secretary's ford and were dispersed shortly after being stationed there, he got no discharge this time, very soon after he was stationed at Charlottesville as a guard over the Magazine & served a tour of three months, during this term he was sick of a bilious fever a considerable part of the time.

Micajah Wheeler Senior

He also makes the following answers to the following questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia on the 2nd day of October 1758.

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

Answer. I have and it is now in my possession.

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

Answer. I have answered about [text obscured and illegible for several words] foregoing declaration

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

Answer. That question is also answered in the body of the declaration. I was drafted.

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.

Answer. All this has been done in the body of my declaration as well as I can remember.

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

Answer. I do not remember to have received any discharge from the service.

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.

Answer. Charles Perrow and Spotswood Garland who can testify to my veracity and Tarlton Woodson & S. Barksdale and Joshua Wheeler who know of my revolutionary services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not upon the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[Charles Perrow and Spotswood Garland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This is to certify that Micajah Wheeler Senior was drafted, with me, and served a tour of 40 days that we were both discharged at Williamsburg, and returned to the County of Albemarle together. Given under my hand this 8th day of November 1832.

S/ S. Barksdale¹

County of Albemarle State of Virginia Sct.

Joshua Wheeler this day appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was living with his brother and knows that he was called out in the militia according to the statements in his declaration. He does not know that he served out the tour as there stated, but knows that he marched from and returned as he the said Micajah Wheeler has stated in his declaration. Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of November 1832.

S/ William A. Bibb, S. L.

County of Nelson state of Virginia Sct.

Tarlton Woodson this day appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he started with Micajah Wheeler from Albemarle in the year 1781 and marched from said County to Richmond thence to Williamsburg thence to York thence to the halfway House thence near Hampton. The whole tour was three months, under the command of Captain

¹ [Samuel Barksdale W18568](#)

William Grayson and others, as stated in the said declaration and the said Micajah Wheeler served as a Sergeant. Given under my hand & seal this 23rd day of November 1832
S/ R. J. Kincaid, seal

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months & 10 days service in the Virginia militia, 2 months as a Sergeant and 7 months and 10 days as a private.]