

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wheeler S7895

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North Carolina Bladen County

On this day 1<sup>st</sup> November 1832 personally appeared before us Samuel B. Anders and John Brown both acting Justices of the County of Bladen and State aforesaid, Henry wheler [sic] a resident of said County and State as well as he recollects he is about seventy years of age, does not remember the year in which he was born, who being duly sworn makes on oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of a law of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. He does not recollect what year he entered the service of the United States he supposes he will was about sixteen years old he entered as a substitute for Jesse Smith who was drafted he was at that time a resident of South Carolina his father having removed there at an early period of the war he does not recollect the name of the district in which he lived when he entered the service, he lived on Swift Creek near Colonel Culp's ferry on Great Pedee [River] -- he joined the Army at Hatarells point [sic, Haddrell's Point] in the month of October under the command of Colonel Culp. The company in which he served was commanded by Captain windum [sic, Windham?] Jesse Messer acted as Lieutenant and Samuel norood [sic, Samuel Norwood?] as Ensign he states that from his youth and the shortness of time he served in that company he is unable to designate more of his Companions in arms he remained at Haddrell's Point about six weeks the term of service for the person phone he acted as substitute having expired he received a verbal discharge --

He then returned -- and about the 20th January following he enlisted in the service in Fayetteville Cumberland County NC under the command of Colonel Johnstone [sic, Johnston ?] the Regiment consisted of about four hundred men Nathan King served as Captain to the company to which he belonged -- he states that the Regiment remained in Fayetteville about 10 days then marched to a little town in South Carolina the name of which has if ever knew it slipped his memory -- and there joined the Army under the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] -- Syman Hadley was Lieutenant in the Captain's Company to he belonged Peinehoe [sic ?] acted as Major under Colonel Johnstone he marched from thence to Bacon's Bridge across the Edisto River crossed the Bridge and marched about four miles and then encamped it being about seven miles from the situation of British Army they having taken a

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<sup>1</sup> At the time this file was viewed on Footnote.com, the page numbers assigned by Footnote.com to the digital images of each of the pages in the file were nonsensical. Footnote.com indicates that it is working on trying to resolve this issue with its software.

position between two rivers at their Junction opposite he thinks James Island he remained in camp some time perhaps six or eight weeks about sunrise Sunday on the 10th of June year not recollected the American Army came in sight of the British forces to all appearances sheltered by something constructed like a fort.<sup>2</sup> The two armies immediately engaged and continued firing until about ten o'clock the same day at which time their immediate supplies of ammunition being exhausted [sic exhausted?] they returned back into the country about a mile there they remained until the troops were refreshed and then continued on to the former camping ground -- about that time he states that he could distinctly hear the firing of Colonel Moultrie's Company who had commenced an attack upon the enemy he thinks from James Island which he thinks continued without interruption until Monday evening Tuesday morning he was marched down with the view of renewing the attack but found that the British had vacated their position the night before. He states the time having expired for which he had enlisted he received a written discharge -- but what has become of it he is unable to say as he never expected it was rendered him any service at any future period neither does he recollect the officers by whom it was given. The term of service for this term was about five months he then returned to Wake County North Carolina there he remained about two months he then enlisted in the cavalry for the purpose of collecting cattle for the use of the American camp under the command of Colonel Hatly whose given name he does not recollect. Patrick Travis commanded the company as Captain to which he belonged he served in this Tour three months nothing of importance occurred during the time except a little engagement with the Tories who attempted to [indecipherable word] from their possession the cattle they had collected for the use of the American Army. The whole of this tour was consumed in the Line of warfare -- he was discharged in Fayetteville verbally he believes if he received a written discharge he does not know what has become of it. He then returned to Wake County North Carolina where he remained about a month he then volunteered his services in a company of cavalry. So long a period has elapsed since those scenes were acted he is sometimes unable to tell the precise names of the officers yet he thinks Colonel Marlbury commanded the company or some name very much like it. Solomon Wood acted as Captain he marched on to Wilmington North Carolina in pursuit of the enemy, he got to Wilmington and found [the] Town in the possession of the British he was marched to Rutherford's Mills in Duplin County there he found an Army under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] but as the two armies never acted together he did not learn the names of any other officers -- There he remained until discharged but as he has already stated he cannot produce any of his written discharges. He then returned to Wake County North Carolina. He then enlisted in an Army commanded by Colonel Mebane. Joshua Hadley acted as Captain and James Pearl Lieutenant, he marched into Guilford County North Carolina -- there he remained for some time and therefore the first time he heard the news of Lord Cornwallis' capture. He was then marched into South Carolina and stationed at a place called the High Hills of Santee he remained there but a few days and was marched back to Fayetteville and from thence furloughed home. He enlisted in this Army for a tour of eighteen months but he did not serve more than four or five months.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Chatham County North Carolina the year I am unable to say.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. My age was recorded in an old Bible of my father's who removed to Georgia after the close of the war and carried it with him. What has become of it since I am unable to say.

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<sup>2</sup> The veteran appears to be describing the engagement known as the Battle of Stono Ferry which occurred on June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

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

Answer. I was living in South Carolina when I first went into service I have lived in Wake County North Carolina until about thirty years past since which time I have continued to live in North Carolina Bladen County and now live in the same County and State.

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

Answer. I acted as Substitute my first for Jesse Smith who was drafted. I ever afterwards volunteered my services. I was never drafted.

Question 5<sup>th</sup> 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. I have some knowledge of General Lincoln -- Colonel Moultrie Colonel Johnstone, Colonel Marlbury, Major Dunehoe [sic, Thomas Donoho], Colonel Mebane, Joshua Hadly

Question 6<sup>th</sup> 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 have received both written and verbal discharges but am unable to say what has become of them neither do I recollect from what officer by received them.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> 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. I have been long known to David Lloyd, William Bevan, William H. Beatie and \_\_\_ Benman who can testify to character for truth and that I have the record age and of having been a revolutionary Soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written as [indecipherable words]

S/ John B. Brown

S/ Henry Wheler, X his mark

[David Lloyd, planter, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[William Bevan, planter, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]