

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wrenn S7979

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Virginia Sussex County Sct:

On this 2nd day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, John Wrenn a resident of the County aforesaid, in the State aforesaid aged seventy years and three months, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated,

That he enlisted in the year 1778, in the month of August, under Colonel Cosmo Medici [Cosmo de Medici], in his squadron of horse, attached to Bland's Regiment of the Virginia Line of Continental Establishment; that Captain went with some of the recruits to the North and he marched with the rest of the troop, to the South, under Lieutenant Edward Gamble; the term of his enlistment was for and during the war – that he was at the Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], where his horse was killed under him, at the battle of Savannah, and was made prisoner at Moncks Corner under General Huger – that his Court joined the Army under General Lincoln at Purrysburg on the Savannah River – that he continued in the service, until the Army was disbanded, by order of Congress – at Winchester Virginia. That he has no documentary or other evidence, within his knowledge, unless the rolls of the Army are in existence, to prove his service. That he served four years and three months or thereabouts – and that he does not know of any of his comrades now living who can prove his service – that Carey Moseley and Isaac Collier of this County served with him, but are dead – That he was sent a prisoner from Charleston to Elk [word written over and illegible, could be "Ferry"] in Maryland and exchanged, that ^{he hereby relinquishes} he joined Marquis de Lafayette at Baltimore marched with him into Virginia, and continued with him until the surrender of Cornwallis at York Town – & marched thence with the British prisoners to Winchester – where he was discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Wrenn



[Richard B Grigg and Jesse Grigg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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