# Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Peter Wagnon W1109 Rebecca Wagnos GA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 25 Aug 2015.

In the latter end of the year 1776 or beginning of the year 1777 I enlisted as a soldier in Captain Downman's [Rawleigh Downman BLWt1917-300] Company of Infantry in the third Georgia Regiment in the Continental establishment for the term of three years, in which company I performed the duty of sergeant & sergeant major until the summer of 1777 when I was promoted to the rank of ensign & did the duty of quarter master in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Regiment commanded by Col. John McIntosh. I was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the same Regiment in which I remained until the whole brigade was reduced to one battalion I was continued as Lieutenant and paymaster until 1783 when a final discharge of all the troops on the continent took place, never having been out of service from the time I enlisted as aforesaid until the time of the said general discharge. My commission was lost with my baggage at Gates's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. I do furthermore state that, from my reduced circumstances, I need the assistance of my Country for support.



## Kentucky Sct

I Christopher Tompkins, one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid, & presiding Judge of the Barren Circuit Court, do certify that John P. Wagnon, who has subscribed his name to the forgoing statement, this day personally appeared before me & made oath that the facts set forth in the statement aforesaid are true. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

[signed] Christopher Tompkins

## [Apparently added 7 Jul 1818.]

The forementioned John P. Wagnon further declares & makes oath, that he is now a citizen of Barren County, Kentucky, & has been continually a Citizen of the U. States ever since his discharge as set forth in the foregoing affidavit.

#### Rec'd 24 Dec 1831.

For the purpose of obtaining the benifits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Armey of the revolution" approved 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828, in consideration of the services of John Peter Wagnon, who deceased on the 22<sup>d</sup> August 1828 as per the Official evidence from the third Auditor of the Treasury dated the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec'r. 1831 and numbered 1. I Thomas Triplett Junior a resident of the County of Franklin, within the State of Kentucy and husband of Rebecca Triplett the reputed & accepted daughter of the said John P Wagnon, decesed, and having obtained letter sof administration from the Orphans Court for the County of Washington, within the destrict of Columba, hereto annexed No 2. do hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the said John Peter Wagnon was an officer in the Continental line of the Armey of the revolution and served as set fourth in the accompanying documents No 3 and 4 – as a period he was a first Lieutennant in the remaining battalin commanded by Major John Hobersham [sic: John Habersham], and I also declare, that I have strong reasons to believe that he never receved certificates (commonly called commutation Certificates

for sum equal to the amount of five years full pay which sum was offered by the resolves of congress of the 22<sup>d</sup> of March 1783 instead of half pay for life to which he acquired a right, by his services and under the resolve of the 22<sup>d</sup> of October 1780 he not being in being in George [sic] as he is informed. he when the agent visited that State for the purpose of distributing Certificates. I understand that Majr Pearce was the agent And I do further declare, that Lieut. john Peter Wagnon was a pension of the United States at the time of his death but I do not know what amount he receved as such under the several laws regulating pensions

Witness my hand, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1831 at the City of Washington within destrict of Columba

Sworn and subscribe before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec'r 1831 [signed] Thomas Triplett

### NOTES:

On 21 Jan 1822 John P. Wagnon applied to have his pension transferred to Tennessee, having moved to Sumner County.

On 4 Dec 1838 in Shelby County TN Rebecca Wagnon, 70, applied for a pension stating that she married John P. Wagnon 18 March 1784, and he died 22 Aug 1828. With her application are pages from the family record transcribed below, certified as being in the handwriting of John Peter Wagnon, Sr and removed from the family bible by John Peter Wagnon, Jr.

### **BIRTHS**

John Peter Wagnon Sen'r was born 1st day of March 1758

Rebeca his wife was born 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1768

John Peter Wagnon Jun'r son of Thomas Poytress Wagnon was born 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1789

Mary Mosely Sanders Daugtor of Edward Sanders was born 5th Day of December 1801

Edward Sanders Wagnon was was born 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820

Rebecca Saucer Wagnon was born 21st February 1822

Thomas Poytress Wagnon was born 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1823

John Peter Wagnon (minor) was born 10<sup>th</sup> January 1825

Lockey Ann Wagnon was born 23<sup>d</sup> July 1826

William Trigg Wagnon was born 19th of June 1828

Elenor Saucer Wagnon Was born 24th February 1830

Abram Alanson Wagnon was born 10<sup>th</sup> March 1832

**MARRIAGES** 

John Peter Wagnon Sen'r was married to Rebecca Saucer March 1784 18th

John Peter Wagnon Jr was Married to Mary Mosley Sanders the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818