

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Worley¹ W1972 Milley

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[f p 15]

State of Tennessee Smith County: On this 4 day of September 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Smith County now sitting Zachariah Worley a resident of Smith County and State of Tennessee aged 70 years last June who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United [States] in the year 1779 in February with Sergeant Ellison don't recollect what Regiment was under Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] of the Virginia line under the following named officers. That he enlisted in the service of the United States in February 1779 in Powhatan County State of Virginia from there we marched to the edge of Pennsylvania there met by Colonel Parker and sent back to the South reached Petersburg Virginia in July there he was taken sick and placed in the Hospital and remained sick until it was too late in the season to march he was under Captain Wallace while at Petersburg and also Colonel Buford. In the year 1780 in the month of February one hundred forty of the soldiers with myself under Captain Howard was marched into South Carolina near Munks Corners [Moncks Corner] there met by Colonel Washington [William Washington], there we dodged about as we could until Colonel Buford came up with the balance of the Regiment, then I was placed under my old Captain Wallace, we were then marched from this place down to Santee River S. C. and there we remained until the troops at Charleston was taken prisoner, from Santee River the Company that I was in returned to the place called the Hanging Rock South Carolina, where we were attacked by Colonel Talton [Banastre Tarleton] and his soldiers we had a battle and we were there defeated, had orders if defeated to meet at Hillsboro North Carolina and out of about 500 there was only 104 got there. I was marched from Hillsboro to Richmond and there I was taken to [word written over and illegible] a Country Store until my time was out, making the time I served as a regular one year and eight months in the United States Army. I received a discharge, but have not got it now. My name is to be found on the Roll of the Virginia troops in the War office, as I have seen men that told me they saw it, after I was discharged I then came to my Father's house in Bedford County Virginia where he had moved to while I was in service. Then afterwards in the month of February 1781 in Bedford County Virginia there was a call for men to join General Green [Nathanael Greene] for six weeks. I then volunteered under Captain Gwatkin Major John Callaway and Colonel Charles Lynch all of whom I was acquainted with. I was marched to General Green's Army at Guilford Court House [Guilford Court House] and then I was in the Battle of Guilford [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781]. I have no documentary evidence, know of no person whose

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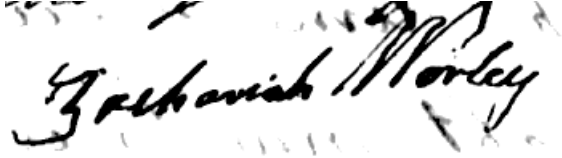
testimony he can procure to prove his services.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Bickett, Clk

S/ Zachariah Worley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zachariah Worley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Zachariah Worley".

[f p 7: On August 9th, 1848 in Smith County Tennessee, Milley Worley, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Zachariah Worley, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him June 1, 1799; that her husband died October 27, 1837 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 8: Thomas Shepherd, 66 gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he was present at the marriage of Zachariah Worley and Milley Dewitt in Bedford County Virginia by a Baptist preacher by the name of Jeremiah Hatcher.]

[f p 11: copy of a marriage bond issued to Zachariah Worley and James Dewitt May 27, 1799 in Bedford County Virginia to secure the marriage of Zachariah Worley to Milley Dewitt.]

[f p 20: the widow was still living in July 1866 when she applied in Smith County Tennessee for the restoration of her pension benefit. In this application she states she is 100 years old.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$71.32 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year 9 months and 12 days service as a private in the Virginia service.]