

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

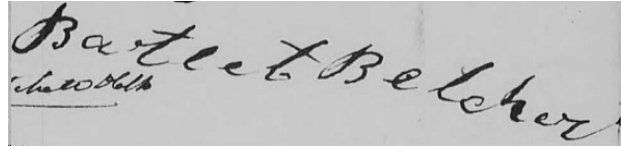
Pension Application of Bartlet Belcher W2054 Alice Belcher VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 25 Dec 2013.

State of Tennessee }
Hawkins County } August Sessions 1832

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions for s'd County now sitting Bartlet Belcher aged sixty seven years 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 Jun 7th 1832 that in the Spring of 1780 in Partrick County [formed from Henry County in 1791] in the State of Virginia he volunteered under Capt. Elives Shelton [sic: Eliphaz Shelton] for the month to go to a place called the hollows in sd state on the head of the Yadkin River [along Ararat River in present Patrick and Surry counties] that he remained in said Service about one month at which time he was permitted to take the place of this declarants father, who had been drafted for three months and left the army without permission and in consequence of which he was returned [interlined above: "part of his tour served"] to serve six months and that the said declarant served a six month Tour as a substitution for his father under Cap'n George Waller Lieutenant Turley Choice [sic: Tully Choice, pension application W3774]] and he was marched from Henry County in Virginia to Hillsborough North Carolina, where he joined the main army under General [Edward] Stevens Colonel William Fortners [sic: Ralph Faulkner] & Maj'r Parnel [sic: Pannill] where the army remained some days. and from thence he was marched to Camden South Carolina where there was a Battle fought in which General Gates was the American Commander in Chief [Horatio Gates, 16 Aug 1780] and he received two wounds in the right arm of this applicant and Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] was the English Commander in which Battle the American army was defeated. he states that he did not get with his company again untill he arrived at Gelford [sic: Guilford] Courthouse where he also found his Cap'n and Lieutenant where he was taken sick and ordered to the hospitle. and he being unwilling to go to the hospitle got permission to go home which was not far distant. he stats that the company was again ordered to march to hillsboro [sic] and he attended at henry Courthouse to march and on account of his ill health he was furlowed to go home by Jas. Penn [sic: Abraham Penn] the Colonel of Henry County Va and previous to the expiration of his furlow and also before he recovered his health. the six months expired. he states that he never attended to get his discharge as his officers lived at a distance. He states that some time in the Winter or Spring following he volunteered to go against Cornwallace to intercept his march through Virginia, under Colonel James Lyon Cap'n William Cloud [W5247] Lieutenant William Carter [W3385], and was marched on toward Hickses [probably Dix's] ferry on Dan River he thinks in Va. and he states that he was verbally discharged by his Colonel on a Creek called Cascade in Virginia [probably the Cascade Creek on the Henry-Pittsylvania county line], he states that in the early part of the summer of 1781 he was drafted in Henry County in the state of Virginia to go Low down in Virginia against the English under the Command of Lord Cornwallace under Cap'n John Smith. Lieutenant Elmerson and were marched to Prince Edward Court house where the army under General Robert Lawson, Colonel Purnel and Maj'r Purnal and then was marched on to Carters Ferry [now Cartersville] on James River where they were stationed for some time and the British on the oposite side of the River and prevented the Americans from crossing over from there he was marched on to James Town & Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]. he states that he was marched about in that neighbourhood some time, he was then marched back after the British had left that neighbourhood by walking to a place in Virginia called the Mobing hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] where he remained untill discharged after having served a Tour of two months. he states that his Ensign McVity gave him his discharge. Which discharge was burned in his fathers house. he states that in all he served over nine months in in the United States service in the Revolutionary War. he states that he belonged to the Third Virginia Regiment. he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service neither is there

any minister of the Gospel living in his neighbourhood by whom he can [several illegible words] neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Rool of any State agency. Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bartlet Belcher". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

The Supplemental Statement of Bartlet Belcher made in Order to Obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832

This declarant states that he was born in Chesterfield County Virginia on the 8th of June 1764 which statement he makes from recollection of the record in the family Bible of his father but he has not the Bible and knows the same was burnt near forty years ago in his fathers house And he has lived in Virginia North Carolina Kentucky and Tennessee where he now resides ever since the revolutionary war

This applicant states that he served first month as a volunteer in the Militia of Virginia. He then served six months as a substitute for his father in the Militia of said state both times serving as a private. The third time he volunteered as a private and served on Dan river one month He then the 4th time was drafted and served two months against Ld Cornwallace whilst he was in Virginia in 1781 which makes ten months service tho he stated it in his former declaration over nine months that he might be within rather than over the true lenght of time but on reflection he is satisfied he served in all as a private in the manner he has stated ten months in the revolutionary war

He has already stated the names of the officers and circumstances of the service as well as he now can state it. [6 May 1833]

NOTES:

On 21 Oct 1847 Bartlet Belcher was still in Hawkins County and signed with his mark an application for a new pension certificate.

On 15 Sep 1849 Alice Belcher, 81, of Lee County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Bartlet Belcher in Patrick County on 20 July 1799, and he died in Lee County on 8 April 1848. Betsy Johnson, 69, wife of Thomas Johnson, stated that she was present when Bartlet and Alice Belcher were married by a Baptist Minister named John Nun. She stated that the family register transcribed below was taken from a family Bible, and that the second through seventh entries were of their children.

Bartlet Belcher was born June 8th 1764

Sarah Belcher was born January 17th 1801.

George Belcher was born June 16th 1803.

John Belcher was born February 16th 1805

Lana Belcher was born March 31st 1807

Joseph Belcher was born January 5th 1810

Elizabeth Belcher was born October 5th 1813

Thomas Belcher was born October 24th 1826

Martha Belcher was born February 16th 1827

Simon Belcher was born June 24th 1831

Mary Belcher was born July the 10th AD 1839