

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wardwell W22496

A451-512Navy [Maine]

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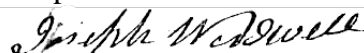
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United States

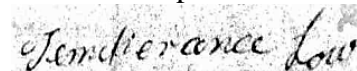
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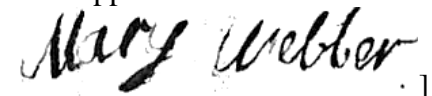
Joseph Wardwell, of Frankfort, in the County of Hancock, and District of Maine, a resident citizen of the United States, and applicant for a pension from the United States, under an Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, maketh oath, That he served as a mariner in the service of the United States, in the war of the revolution nine months, in the manner following, the is – Enlisted in the month of September 1779 – on board the United States Ship *Ranger*,¹ commanded by Captain Simpson [Thomas Simpson],² and served on board said ship, until May 1780 when he was captured in said ship, at Charleston South Carolina³ – he was there imprisoned one month – and then sent by the enemy in a cartel to Philadelphia where he was confined by sickness & returned home in August following – and is in such reduced circumstances as to require the aid of his country for support

Joseph Wardwell



[I 469: Affidavit dated June 8, 1819 given by Temperance Low in which she states she is the sister of Joseph Wardwell and supports the facts stated in his application.

 Likewise Mary Webber states that she is the sister of the claimant and supports the statements he makes in his application.



[I 464] State of Maine

At a Circuit Court of Common Pleas, begun and holden at Castine in and for the County of

¹ https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2531

² https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_crewman&id=651

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

Hancock on the second Tuesday of July A.D. 1820

Hancock SS

On this Eleventh day of July 1820, being the first day of said term, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record by the laws of the said State, with power of fine and imprisonment, Joseph Wardwell age 60 years, resident in Frankfort in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit: as a Mariner twelve months in 1779 on board the US Sloop of War The *Ranger* of all which I made declaration before the Honorable Judge Kinsley on the first day of October 1818, and have received my pension certificate therefore, No. 16288 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed –

Joseph Wardwell

Sworn to and declared on the 11th day of July 1820 before the Court

A test Mason Shaw Clerk

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(Schedule)

I Joseph Wardwell on my oath say and declare that I have no real nor personal Estate nor any income whatever my necessary bedding and wearing apparel except –

Except two cows – six Sheep – two Shoats –

I am a Seaman but by reason of age and infirmity I am unable to go to sea –

I have five Children under age one Son 8 years old the rest Daughters without my pension I am unable to support myself and family.

Joseph Wardwell

[I 477]

I Elijah Hall Esquire of Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire, testify & say, that, I was Lieutenant of the United States Sloop of War *Ranger* commanded by Captain Thomas Simpson in the year 1779 & until & at her capture by the British at Charlestown, South Carolina in May 1780. That Joseph Wardwell, now said to be of Frankfort in the District of Maine entered on board the *Ranger* at said Portsmouth the 28th of September 1779 as appears by the Roll of the Officers and people of the *Ranger* now in my possession – That I entered, as all of those then did, to serve the United States in said Sloop of War, for the Term of one year. That he continued so to Serve until said Vessel was captured at Charleston as aforesaid, & was made a prisoner then as others captured in her, then were. That I find the name of the said Wardwell, on the Roll now in my possession of the said Officers & people made at Charleston aforesaid – That after the said Capture, the Crew of the *Ranger* were kept on board a British Ship as Prisoners, about a month, and then sent on to Philadelphia, from which place they arrived here & in the neighboring District of Maine about the last of July or the early part of August 1780

Elijah Hall

Elijah Hall

[I 457: On February 12, 1839 in Penobscot Maine, Elizabeth Wardwell of Frankford in the County of Waldo age 68 makes application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Wardwell; that she married him January 6, 1789 as best she recollects; that her husband died June 21, 1834; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[I 462: Certificate certifying the following marriage record:
"Joseph Wardwell & Elizabeth Anderson on January 6, 1789 by Gabriel Johonnot Justice of the Peace"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 1, 1818, for service as a mariner for one year on the Sloop of war Ranger. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]