

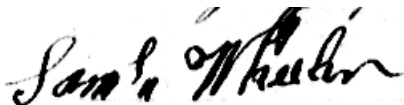
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Wheeler W25019 Mary Smith¹ fn61VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/5/11

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State of Ohio Licking County SS: On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before ~~the Court~~ of Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County Samuel Wheeler a resident [of] Licking Township in the County of Licking and State of Ohio aged eighty 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 June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 26th of February 1777 in Alexandria Virginia with what was called the 1st Virginia State Regiment and served and said Regiment three years, under the following named officers Colonel George Gibson, Lieutenant John Allison, Major James Merrywether [James Meriwether], Captain Thomas Hamilton. He again enlisted on the 23rd day of December 1779 as a Sergeant for during the War under the same officers, and was to joined the Regiment on the 1st day of May 1780. On the 14th of August 1780 Colonel Gibson gave him a furlough to go home until he could recover from a severe affliction of the gravel, and he was not able to join the Army again during the war. He resided when he entered the service in Charles County in the State of Maryland. He was engaged in the following battles, at the taking of Stoney Point under General Wayne was at the battle of Monmouth and some other small skirmishes. He marched through the State of New Jersey to Stoney Point, was twice at Philadelphia and to Petersburg in Virginia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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.



[fn p. 54]

Maryland in Charles County to wit

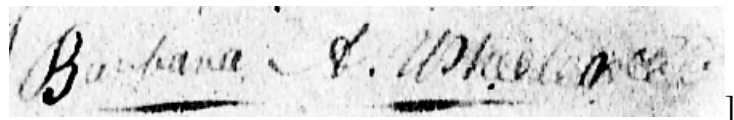
Ignatius Wheeler aged about seventy-six being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeseth and saith that he knew Samuel Wheeler from his childhood up to the time he enlisted. That he enlisted in Alexandria Virginia, now the District of Columbia, That he Ignatius Wheeler at the solicitation of Samuel Wheeler's mother followed him to Alexandria with a view to dissuade him from enlisting. That he had enlisted some short time previous to his arrival and that he was in company with Samuel Wheeler at the time he was called upon by the Sergeant of the company whose name he recollects was John Green to join the ranks. That he returned home

¹ Former widow

on furlough and afterwards joined the Army, that he received a second furlough on account of a severe affliction of the gravel. That he never afterwards rejoined the Army. That he thinks he served in the Army about years, or longer, That he resided in the same neighborhood after his return for several years. That he removed from Charles County Maryland to Georgetown in District of Columbia and that during the time he was a resident of Charles County no man sustained a better character for honesty and probity. In testimony whereof I have here unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal for this the 13th day of November 1833.

S/ Ignatius Wheeler, X his mark

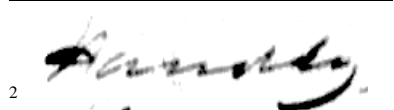
[fn p. 55: there is an affidavit given in Charles County Maryland on September 19, 1833 by Barbara A. Wheeler, 68 [I think], but the text is too faint to make out most of what she says in her affidavit

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara A. Wheeler". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a single line, with a horizontal line underneath it. The signature is enclosed in square brackets on the right side.

[fn p. 9: On January 30, 1854 in Cumberland County Illinois, Mary Wheeler a resident in Cumberland County, aged eighty, filed for a Widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Wheeler who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 13, 1800; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Handly[?]; that her husband died in Licking County of Ohio December 26, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow married Tobias Smith March 11, 1840; Tobias Smith died October 3, 1845; the widow died in St. Louis in 1867 leaving the following children: Samuel Wheeler of Bellair, Crawford County, Indiana; Nancy House, Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois; Rachel Brown, Clark County, Illinois; Allen Goodwin, Newark Ohio; Mary Boston, St. Louis Missouri.]

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

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