

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Washam W3057

Polly Washam

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State of Kentucky Wayne County: Sct.

On this 26 day of June 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Wayne Kentucky Charles Washam (or Ouslim as called by some) a Resident of Wayne County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven years old on the 22nd of July past, 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.

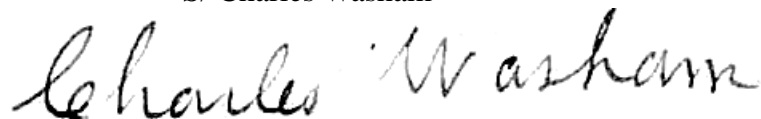
That he volunteered in the Army of the United States, in the summer of the year 1777, the particular month not recollected, shortly after the commencement of the War, when he was between 23 and 24 years of age, that he volunteered during the War as a private under Captain __ Mayo [probably William Mayo] of Powitan County [Powhatan County] State of Virginia (his Christian name not now recollected) and served he thinks in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Randol (his Christian name not now recollected). I served under the following officers viz. Captain __ Mayo called Colonel Mayo at home, we rendezvoused at Powitan Court house and we then marched down James River under the command of Colonel __ Hubbard & was at a small scrimmage or Battle at Hoods [this may be a reference to the skirmish at Hood's Landing in April 1781] on James River, we marched in various directions & was occasionally commanded by Colonel Demot & General Stuban [Steuben] at Petersburg Virginia about this time a light Horse company was wanted, and by the consent of my Captain Mayo I volunteered with 60 others who could supply themselves with good horses under a certain Captain Littleberry Mosby in order to pursue the British with more speed and success, & under Captain Mosby we marched to Williamsburg then to Petersburg Battle & then to Chesterfield Courthouse, thence to the Suppoena [?] Church, when we joined a large force. Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] in pursuit of us but Tarlton stopped at a four mile mill destroying the mill and all the flour, having previously destroyed the arms & flower [sic] at Chesterfield court house. I the said Charles Washam with a detachment was ordered to go back and watch the movements of Tarlton under a Sergeant. We went back as far as said four mile mill & Courthouse and found that Tarlton had gone back towards Petersburg. We then returned & reported to the Army. I was afterwards at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, at 1781] in North Carolina under Captain Mosby & under General Lawson, and we fought under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at said Battle, at which said Battle David Jones, Ned Belew, David Tyree were shot down in my section and taken off. On the same evening, we gave way, and marched to the Iron works. Thence we marched to Deep River, got there just after the British crossed over. Here, one Tory was hung for taking up arms against his

Country three times. The small pox breaking out in the North Carolina Troops, By General Green's order we had a Furlough or permit to go home to Virginia. Some small time afterwards I was called upon by my first Captain Mayo at Powhatan Courthouse to meet him and go to the siege of York. I marched with him & company and was at the siege of York. Whilst there, I was sent in a small detachment to a media County after cattle, for the use of the French Army, and we brought 200 head, I being well acquainted there, some time after the siege and surrender of Col. Wallace [Cornwallis?], I with the balance of my company received a discharge in writing again from Captain Mayo my first Captain but have lost it. I the said Charles Washam, believe that I served upwards of three years during the Revolutionary War. I was occasionally under the command of other officers, during the War & on many expresses and Detachments. And claim a compensation for two years as a private. I the said Charles Washam have no documentary proof & know of no person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service in this state. But am known to Lewis Coffee, Roger Oatts, William Simson of Wayne County my neighbors &c.

I was born in Chesterfield County Virginia I think sometime in 1764 and when a child my father moved to a media County Virginia where I lived until I was 21 years of age. I then moved to Powhatan Virginia and lived there during the war. Afterwards I moved to Prince Edward, thence to Henry County, where I lived 3 years. Then the North Carolina Roan [Rowan] County, where I lived three years, then to Spartanburg South Carolina living there one year, then to Dandridge on the French Broad State of Virginia one year then to Lancaster County Kentucky one year thence to Monticello Wayne County Kentucky, where I now am & have lived upwards of 25 years. But I have no record of my age.

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

S/ Charles Washam

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Washam". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of Kentucky Wayne County: Sct.

On this 7th day of October 1833 personally appeared before Roger Oatts a justice of the peace of Wayne County Kentucky Charles Washam (or Ouslim as called by some) a resident of Wayne County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven years on the 22nd of July past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. The said Charles Washam from bodily infirmity & age unable to appear at court.

He volunteered in the Army of the United States in the summer of the year 1777, the particular month not recollected, shortly after the commencement of the war, when I was between 23 & 24 years of age as a private for a three months [tour] under Captain __ Mayo of Powhatan County State of Virginia his Christian name not now recollected & served he thinks in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Randol his Christian name not now recollected & served under the following officers viz. Captain Mayo, called Colonel Mayo at home, we rendezvoused at Powhatan Court House and we then marched down James River under the command of Colonel Hubbard & was at a small scrimmage or Battle at Hoods on James River.

Our three months being out we were discharged but not in writing someplace on James River & we returned home. In a short time the enemy pressing and near James River I again volunteered for three months under the same Captain we met again at Powhatan Court House under the same officers & marched down & up James River watching the movements of the enemy. But had no particular engagement in this tour. Our time being out we were again discharged near Hoods on James River to go home, by our officers but thinks not in writing.

But a very short time after our return, the enemy still pressing in Virginia, I again volunteered under my old Captain Mayo for three months more, & I met again at Powhatan Court House & we marched down & up James River as low as a town called Jericho commanded Generally by the same officers, and we had many small skirmishes losing a few men & killing some, our term of three months being out, we were discharged at Goochland Court house and returned home by our officers but not in writing. Shortly after we got home, a light horse company was wanted. The particular time not now recollected, I volunteered with 60 others who supplied themselves with good horses and for three months as a private under Captain Littleberry Mosby, in order to pursue the British with more speed & success & we all rendezvoused at Powhatan Court House Virginia and marched under our Captain Littleberry Mosby, we marched to Williamsburg, thence to the Battle at Petersburg, we then marched to Chesterfield court house, thence to the Suppoena church, where we joined a large force Tarleton was here in pursuit of us, but he stopped at a four mile mill destroying the mill & flour, Having previously destroyed the arms and flour at Chesterfield courthouse. I the said Charles Washam, with a small Detachment was ordered to go back, and watch the movements of Tarleton under a Sergeant. We went back as far as said four mile mill & courthouse and found that Tarleton had gone back towards Petersburg, we then returned and reported to the Army. We then moved down James River at the Chickahominy Swamps, and camped there till the enemy left Petersburg, our time being out of three months we were again discharged to go home at the Chickahominy Swamps by our officers but not in writing. Some time, but not very long, but I cannot distinctly recollect, after I returned home troops was again called for & I volunteered for three months again under Captain George Williamson (upon reflection not Captain Mosby as stated in the original Declaration) and rendezvoused in Cumberland County Virginia and marched under Captain Williamson Colonel Randol & General Lawson towards North Carolina, and when we got to the North Carolina line I was put in a Detachment of 50 men behind to keep the Tories from plundering the baggage wagons we still moved on through North Carolina to Guilford Courthouse Generals Green & Morgan commanders. Here we had a severe Battle in a few days. In my section in the Battle David Jones, Ned Belew & David Tyree were shot down and taken off. On the same evening the Army gave way to the British and we marched to the Iron works thence we marched to Deep River & got there just after the British crossed over. Here we encamped some time. Here one Tory was hung for taking up arms against his country three times. The small pox breaking out in the North Carolina Troops and our Tour being out sometime, was discharged by our officers to go home but he thinks not in writing. Not long after I returned home the British pressing round towards York in Virginia I again volunteered under my former Captain Mayo at Powhatan courthouse & to go to the siege of York with a large company & whilst at the siege of York, I was sent in a small detachment to a media County after cattle for the use of the French Army and we brought 200 head some time just after the siege and surrender of Col. Wallace the British commander, I with the balance of our company was discharged by our Captain Mayo I think in writing but have lost it – Having served in this tour one month & 10 days. I said Charles Washam actually served 10 months & 10 days as before specified as a private for which I claim a

compensation. But as I before stated held myself in readiness during the war which was 3 years from my first volunteering – But was in actual service the said 10 months & 10 days. I the said Charles Washam have no documentary proof & know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services in this state, But am known to Lewis Coffee, Roger Oatts, William Simson [William Simpson, probably] & others of my country & neighbors who can testify to my veracity etc.

I was born in Chesterfield County Virginia I think sometime in 1756 and when a child my father moved to Amelia County Virginia where I lived until I was 21 years of age I then moved to Powhatan County Virginia and lived there during the war of the Revolution, afterwards I moved to Prince Edward, thence to Henry County, where I lived 3 years, then North Carolina Rowan County where I lived 3 years, then to Spartanburg South Carolina living there one year, then to Dandridge on the French Broad, state of Tennessee one year, thence to Lancaster County Kentucky one year, thence to Monticello Wayne County Kentucky where I now live and have lived upwards of 25 years. But have no record of my age.

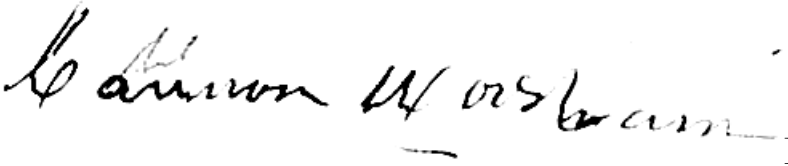
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Charles Washam

[Johnson S Frisbee, a clergyman, and Rodes Garth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On November 27, 1843 in Wayne County Kentucky, Polly Washam, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Washam a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in June 1787; that her husband died March 11, 1841 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: On October 24, 1845 in Wayne County Kentucky, Cannon Worsham [sic] gave testimony that he is the 6th child of his mother Polly Washam widow of the late Charles Washam; to the best of his knowledge his oldest sister Letisle Gray is 57 years old.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cannon Worsham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Cannon" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Worsham" follows in a similar but slightly smaller hand. There is a small horizontal line under the "m" in "Worsham".

[p 8: On October 24, 1845 in Wayne County Kentucky, Letishe Gray, 57, gave testimony that she is the oldest child of her mother Polly Washam the widow of Charles Washam; that her father died March 11th, 1841. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Polly Ellson or Ellington and lived in Amelia County Virginia at the time of her marriage.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.94 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 10 days service as a private of Infantry, and 3 months service as a private of Cavalry in the Virginia Militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848]