

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Wells¹ W4098 Agness Wells f49VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 8/25/11 supp'd 5/16/15

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Virginia to wit

On this 26 day of October 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court for the 3rd district, personally appeared Nathaniel Wells aged 59 years, resident in Loudon [Loudoun] County who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said N. Wells enlisted in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Betkins of Armands [Tuffin Charles Armand, Marquis de la Roueire] Regiment of Dragoons on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the conclusion of the War, when he was discharged from service in little York State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the siege of York in Virginia and that he is in reduced circumstances , and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm H. G. Dade, Judge

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State of Virginia County of Fairfax

I Nathaniel Wells aged about sixty-four years a citizen of the United States do upon oath testify & declare that in the year 1781 I enlisted in the Army of the revolution against the common enemy of my country for the term of during the war & served in the Company commanded by Captain John Bedkins & in the Regiment No. not recollected under command of Colonel Armonds of the __line; and that I continued in the services aforesaid until the close of the war in 1783, when I was regularly discharged from the __ Regiment commanded by Colonel Armonds.

My discharge is now lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to me and on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever except to Major William B Harrison therefore know all men

¹ BLWt1032-100 and BLWt327-60-55

by these presents that I Nathaniel Wells of the State & County aforesaid do hereby constitute & appoint Major William B Harrison of the County of Loudon [Loudoun] & State of Virginia to be my true & lawful attorney.... [boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed]

S/ Nathaniel Wells, X his mark

Attest:

S/ Alexr Waugh [March 21, 1822]

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Copy

Fairfax County: SS

The deposition of John Wells,² formerly a soldier in Colonel Armond's [Charles Armand] Regiment or Legion of Horse in the Revolutionary War, deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Nathaniel Wells whilst he was a soldier in Colonel Armond's Regiment of Horse, that he was present when the said Nathaniel enlisted, and knows he did enlist for during the war, and did serve with fidelity to the expiration of the same, and was discharged with this deponent at Little York by Colonel Armond himself. Sworn to before us Justices of the peace for the County of Fairfax in State of Virginia, this 23rd day of May 1818.

S/ Richard Bland Lee

Rd Ratcliffe

Fairfax County: SS

John Wells made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County that he was out in the service with his brother Nathaniel Wells and returned with him, and has ever since lived as near neighbor to him, and has never known or heard of his selling of his lands due him for public services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and do believe he never has sold to any person or persons whatsoever. Sworn to before me April 15th 1811

S/ W. Deneale

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Fairfax County: SS

Nathaniel Wells made oath before me a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County that he never sold, transferred nor a signed, nor never gave any person in a power either directly or indirectly to draw his lands or warrant do for his services as a soldier, except William B Harrison of Loudoun County. Sworn to before made this 15th of April 1811

S/ W. Deneale

[p 22: On August 10, 1838 in Fairfax County Virginia Agness Wells, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Nathaniel Wells, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him March 28 1792; that her husband died July 24 [? very faint], 1832³; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: Affidavit given on August 18, 1838 in Fairfax County Virginia by Agness Wells stating that she had the following named children by her husband Nathaniel Wells: Rebecca, Nancy, Sally, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Mary, Martina, John, William, Polly, Hannah, Thomas and James. She also testifies that her husband Nathaniel Wells had two children by his first wife [she is not

² [John Wells S39881](#)

³ Another document in this file shows the date of death of the veteran as being July 7, 1832.

named] those children were named Jerobabel [?] and David Wells.]

[9: Of September 8, 1856 in Fairfax County Virginia, Agness Wells aged 98, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Nathaniel Wells.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 26, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Fairfax County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable Speaker & House of Delegates of Virginia,
Your Petitioner Nathaniel Wells Respectfully Sheweth, That he enlisted in Colonel Armand's Regiment of Horse of the Virginia line & served throughout the Revolutionary War. That in 1783 he received his Certificate in discharge of his Services as will appear by reference to the Auditors Certificate & other accompanying documents which Certificate he has lost – & has never received any benefit thereof. – Your Petitioner advanced in years & stricken with poverty humbly prays that your Honourable Body will administer to the comfort of an old Soldier & grant leave to renew his certificate & enable him to receive the compensation for the Services he has rendered his beloved Country & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray –
S/ Nathaniel Wells



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[Reverse]

Petition & Documents of Nathaniel Wells
December 16th 1819
Referred to Claims
reasonable January 6th
reported January 10th
Bill drawn January 25

[Note: This file contains 2 additional affidavits, both of which appear to have been given in Halifax County on April 17/18 18, one by John Wells and the other by Nathaniel Wells but the images of those 2 affidavits are illegibly faint in substantial portion.]

⁴ Might not be the actual signature of the veteran

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Addendum to Nathaniel Wells W4098

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 February 2023.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Nathaniel Wells is entitled to the proportion of Land, allowed a private of the Continental line, for service during the war.

J. W. Pleasants

Council Chamber

March 31st 1814

Js. Barbour.

I Do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of an original voucher, on file in this office; agreeably to which a military Land bounty warrant issued to Nathaniel Wells, for 200 ac's No. 6147, on the 1st day, of April, 1814; in consideration of his services for the war on Continental establishment.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office, at the City of Richmond, on the 21st day, of December, in the year of Lord, 1818.

Wm. G. Pendleton, Reg. L. Off

State of Virginia }

Fairfax County } Sct.

I John Wells do [undeciphered] oath testify and declare, that I was present when Nathaniel Wells enlisted in the United States service, under a Capt. John Bedkins, and served in the Company commanded by Capt. Bedkins, General Argrionome Brigadier general that he served until the end of the War, at which time he was discharged and further to the best of my knowledge, he never received a Warrant for the bounty land due him from the United States and that he never has transferred it to any person whatsoever to the best of my knowledge

Given under my hand this 20th day of June 1833 John hisXmark Wells

State of Virginia } ss

Fairfax County } Personally appeared before me Robert Ratcliffe a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, John Wells, Srah [sic] Sewele (formerly Wells), Elizabeth Peirce (formerly Wells) Mary Wells, Wm. Wells, James Wells Heirs and representatives of Nathaniel Wells Dec'd, do upon Oath testify and declare to the best of their knowledge, that Nathaniel Wells, enlisted in the continental Line under captain Bedkins, in Col. Armongs Legion in the year 1781 for and during the War, and that he continued until the end of the War, and obtained his discharge honourably, which discharge has been Lost or mislaid. and we do farther testify that he is the identical Nathaniel Wells, who received a pension from the United States under the Law of the United States passed March 1818, and continued to draw said pension during his natural life and we also testify, That from the best information, or knowledge we have, that the said nathaniel wells, never did in his life time receive any compensation for, or ever had located for him, a military land bounty warrant, said to be Issued to the said nathaniel wells for 200 acres no. 6147 dated on the 1st day of april 1814 in consideration of his Services for the war, on continental Establishment, nor has he transfered the same in any manner whatsoever to any person or persons, his claim as aforesaid, and that if such a warrant has been Issued the same has been lost or mislaid and that they now request and demand a warrant for the said bounty land, as stipulated by the act of the General assembly of Virginia passed 1st day of april 1781 therein stipulating 300 acres, and also the pay of sixty pounds in silver at its passing value, given by the act of the general assembly aforesaid, for his services during the war

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of march 1834

Robt. Ratcliffe

1834 Aug 1 Rejected

NOTE: Originals of some of the documents transcribed with the federal pension application are in [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).