

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Wolf (Wolff) W4403 [a/k/a Johann Ludwig Wolff]

Mary Wolf

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County

At the particular request of Lewis Wolf of the County aforesaid, Major Henry Smith,¹ who now resides when at home in Cabarrus County in North Carolina was introduced before me one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County of Stokes, he being first duly sworn according to law declares that he knew Lewis Wolff formerly of Surry County (now Stokes); that the said Wolf did actually volunteer himself & served as my fifer in the Revolutionary War when I the said Smith had the command of a company of Militia in an Expedition of a three month tour against the Scotch Tories through the lower counties & to Fayetteville & back to the Moravian Towns in Surry aforesaid which was considered three months as well as memory serves him which was in the Spring of the year 1776 & in the Autumn of the same year said Lewis Wolff turned out as a volunteer fifer & served three or four weeks in the Expedition against the Cherokee Nation of Indians & marched under this Deponent's command as Captain; marched to the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County when & where this Deponent was ordered back to Surry in order to join the Virginia troops when said Wolff was sent home to nurse a sick family when he hired his brother, Daniel Wolff, as his Substitute who served the faithfully three months & upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed this 24th day December 1830 before me.

S/ Henry Smith, S his mark

[Attest:] S/ Charles Banner, JP.

North Carolina Stokes County: At the particular Instance [sic] of Lewis Wolff Henry Smith and aged old man came before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace at the time mentioned within, in the County aforesaid, that the said Smith [is a] man of Good Moral Character & Veracity, now resides in Cabarrus or Mecklenburg County's as I have reason to believe & I believe he was a Captain in the Revolution. Given under my hand 7th February 183__ [last digit missing as a result of the paper being torn and text missing]

S/ C. Banner, JP

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County

¹ [Henry Smith S32525](#)

On this Sixth day of February 1833, personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid, Lewis Wolff, an elderly, and infirm man at his place of residence in the County aforesaid, Seventy Five years of age the 28th of last April, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June, 1832. Saith: that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated (to wit): that in the spring of the year 1776 he entered the service as a volunteer fifer for the term of three months under Captain Henry Smith of the militia of Surry County in North Carolina in the village of Bethania & marched from thence to the place of rendezvous at Dobson's crossroads in said county & there joined the Main Army commanded by Colonel Joseph Williams & Major Joseph Winston; from there took up the line of march & proceeded to the town of Fayetteville [then known as Cross Creek] in North Carolina in order to subdue the Scotch Tories which encumbered that section of North Carolina. But some short time previous to the arrival of these troops at Fayetteville, the Tories had been defeated [probably a reference to the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] & taken by other United States troops from the lower part of North Carolina. Therefore the army in which this applicant served was marched home & discharged in Bethabara in the Surry County by his Captain H. Smith after serving a three months tour.

The next service this applicant entered as a volunteer in fall or Autumn of the same year, 1776, under the same Captain Henry Smith in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians & marched from Surry County in North Carolina to join the Georgia & South Carolina troops at the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County North Carolina where his Captain & Company were ordered back to join the Virginia troops commanded by Col Christy [William Christian] where this applicant remained three weeks in this service then hired his brother Daniel Wolff his substitute & after said substitute having served upwards of three months under Captain H. Smith was discharged & this applicant paid him for his service to the Cherokee Nation & back to Surry aforesaid.

The next Service the said Lewis Wolff entered the Service in the fall of the year 1777 as a volunteer Ranger under Captain William Meredith at Surry Court house in North Carolina. Ranged the mountains with said Captain & Company four weeks & [was] discharged by his Captain at said Courthouse.

The next service this applicant performed [was] when there was a call for volunteers in February 1778. He went to Salisbury in North Carolina with two others, Peter & Michl [Michael?] Moser and volunteered themselves under Captain Moseby belonging to the troops under the command of Genl Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & was sent to guard 32 Tory and British prisoners from Salisbury prison to Martinsville in Guilford County, North Carolina & after performing this service four weeks was discharged & returned home.

The next service this applicant entered as a volunteer horseman, found his own horse & gun in Surry County, North Carolina under Captain Joseph Phillips for three months commencing in July 1780 & marching various routes through Surry & Wilkes counties scouring, whipping & taking Tories & then through Burke & Lincoln [counties] in North Carolina then into South Carolina: the principal field officers were Cols Campbell [William Campbell], Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Major Jo. Winston [Joseph Winston] and after trailing the enemy commanded by a Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] by forced marches day & night at length overtook them on Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] where our little army killed & took prisoners the whole of the British & Tory force commanded by

Ferguson who fell with the slain being about 355 of the enemy & 36 of our brave companions of which was my Lieutenant Richard Varner [sic, Richard Vernon, Varnum, Varnel ?] & four of my comrades or company private soldiers. We encamped that night on the Battle ground after hanging nine Tories & next morning at day break with all speed with the prisoners to keep clear of Tarleton's [Banastre Tarleton's] dragoons who were not far in our rear until we arrived with the prisoners in Bethabara, Surry County now in Stokes County by a division of Surry when & where the applicant was discharged by his Captain Phillips after a three months tour in the horse Regiment of infantry. This applicant states that he has no written discharges or documentary evidence to prove his services aforesaid, but can identify part of the services by Captain Henry Smith, Benjamin Jones and Casper Stuts's Depositions which accompany the declaration.

The questions being put according to the directions of the Department of war:

1st & 2nd: He produced a record of his age from a clergyman as it appears that he was born in York County in the State of Pennsylvania the 28th of April 1757.

3rd: He states that when a child his parents removed him to Surry County in North Carolina where he resided when he entered all of the services [&] where he has remained ever since but from the division of Surry County he fell in that part called Stokes County.

4th & 5th: He declares that on all occasions when he entered the service he entered as a volunteer & the officers he intimately knew he has named above.

6th: He never received a written discharge as he was always dismissed by his Captain in the county who where he resided.

7th: He declares that he is so infirm from pains & that it is not in his power to obtain the Certificate from his Clergyman at present as he lives at a distance. But from his numerous acquaintances with respectable Citizens among which is Casper Stults Senior, Henry Kapp, Joseph Banney Senior & Anthony Bitting Esquire who can Testify as to his Character & Veracity &c and he hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written.

S/ Lewis Wolff, W his mark

[Casper Stults Sr., Henry Kapp [could be Henry Rapp], Joseph Banner Sr., & Anthony Bitting gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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North Carolina Stokes County: At request of Lewis Wolff personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the Acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Casper Stultz² who being first sworn according to law declares that he served in the Revolutionary War with the above named Lewis Wolff Expedition of service of three months against the Scotch Tories to the Sand hills & Fayetteville in North Carolina & one other small service of three weeks in the commencement of what is called the Cherokee Expedition when said Lewis Wolff hired his brother David [could be Daniel] & paid him who performed the Balance of said Expedition of three months & upwards; that said Lewis was a volunteer musician fifer. Sworn to & subscribed this 7th day of February 1833 before me

S/ Casper Stultz, Senr., X his mark

S/ C. Banner, JP

² [Casper Stultz W4819](#)

On the same day Benjamin Jones³ an old man came before me & being sworn as the law directs depose & saith that he knew & saw Lewis Wolff (who has signed his Declaration), in the Battle of Kings Mountain fighting against the British & Tories at the time we killed & took prisoners the whole of the enemy's force when their commander Colonel Ferguson fell. We were commanded by Colonel Campbell, Major Winston, Colonels Shelby & Cleveland, all mounted on horseback.

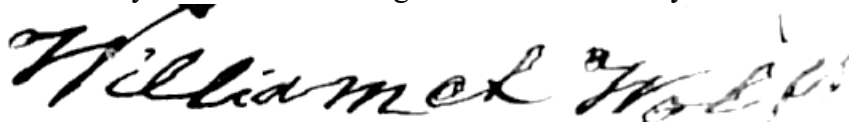
Sworn & subscribed 7th February 1833

S/ Benj. Jones, X his mark

S/ C. Banner, JP

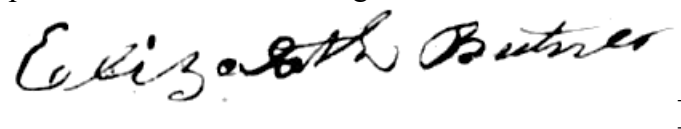
[p 14: On June 7, 1843 in Stokes County North Carolina, Mary Wolf, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Lewis Wolf, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$32.16 per annum; that to the best of her recollection she was married to him in the year 1789; that her husband died November 8, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: William A. Wolf, son of Lewis and Mary Wolf certified on December 8, 1843 that he was born February 24th 1792 according to what he has always understood.

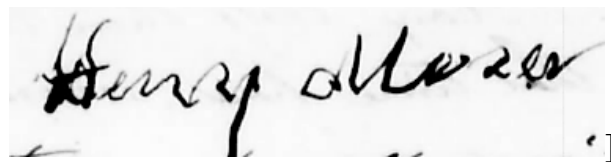
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[p 19: On December 8, 1843 in Stokes County North Carolina, Jacob Deats, 73, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Lewis and Mary Wolf; that affiant was married 54 years ago and that at the time of his marriage Lewis and Mary Wolf were already married and settled within 1 mile of the affiant; that Lewis and Mary always lived together as man and wife until the death of Lewis. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 28: Elizabeth Butner, 75, gave testimony in Stokes County North Carolina on June 4th, 1845 that she was well acquainted with Lewis and Mary Wolf; that to affiant's best recollection and belief Lewis and Mary were married in the year 1784 or 5, shortly after the Revolutionary War; that affiant was married in 1793 and knows that Lewis and Mary were married several years previous to affiant's marriage.

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[p 30-31: On June 12, 1845 in Stokes County North Carolina, Henry Moser, 77, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Lewis Wolf, deceased, to his sister Mary Moser in 1784, to the best of his recollection.

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³ [Benjamin Jones S7076](#)

[p 3: family record:

William adam Wolff was borne in the year of our lort [lord] 1782 fafrevary the 2nd [?]

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Richard M. C.
Comptroller office
I William M. C. Comptroller of Public Accounts
in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby
Certify that the name of Lewis Wolf appears
of record in this office as having had a special
Certificate issued in his favor for Seven Pounds
Fifteen shillings (£7. 15) see Book No. 6 page 8
given under my hand and seal the 3rd day
July A.D. 1845

Richard M. C.
Comptroller

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.16 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 17 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$25.21 commencing March 4th, 1843.]