

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Isaac Wade: W6389

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia

Bedford County to witt,

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1839, personally appeared before me Saml P Mitchell a Justice of the peace in and for said county Mrs Polly Wade aged 78 years old, a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836: That she is the widow of Isaac Wade also of said county who was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he Wade enlisted under captain Geo Lambert of said county in the beginning of the war, and must have served three years [two illegible words] his name is on the County Roll as being [illegible word] to [illegible word] - that after the said Isaac Wade had returned from said regular service (he having belonged in the [several illegible words] he married deponent (whose maiden name was Polly Gibbs, but was the widow of Thos. Stevens at the time) was married to said Isaac Wade on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1779, and that the oldest child by Wade was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb 1780. That in the year 1781, and in [several illegible words] or latter part of August of that year the malitia [several illegible words] said county to go to little York to take Lord Cornwallis, and that her husband Isaac Wade aforesaid was one that went into service on said occasion. that it was in the fall of the year that he was [several illegible words] from Mr Sam'l Mitchell her neighbour in securing her fodder [several illegible words] of weather. that she has frequently heard her husband the aforesaid Isaac Wade speak of his being at the taking of Lord [three lines illegible] was married to the aforesaid Isaac Wade on the 11<sup>th</sup> day [several illegible words] that her husband the aforesaid Isaac Wade died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1823 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the [several illegible words] Polly her+mark Wade  
Test. [signed] Alexander Wade

State of Virginia      Bedford County to witt,

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1839, personally appeared before me Saml P Mitchell a Justice of the peace in and for said county Mrs. Mary B Ryon [or Ryan] a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath say - That she is 78 years. that she can say positively that Isaac Wade enlisted as a regular soldier under Captain George Lambert and she understood he served three years as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war - that he was at the Battles of Brandy-wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] &c to the north - that after he came out of the regular service he the said Isaac Wade was married to Miss Polly Gibbs (now Mrs. Polly Wade his present widow) on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Febuary 1779 and that his first child Jeremiah Wade was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 1780 - and that in the year 1781 and she thinks in the middle or latter part of August, the malitia was called into service to go to yorktown, and she recollects distinctly that Isaac Wade aforesaid (who married Polly Gibbs, now Polly Wade) went into service on said occasion, and as she understood from said Isaac Wade and others that he the said Isaac Wade was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis prisoner by Gen'l. Washington and that she recollects distinctly that it was in the fall of the year - for Mrs. Polly Wade his present widow had to get assistance from Mr. Samuel Mitchell in securing the fodder while her husband was in service on said occasion at the capture of Cornwallis - that said Isaac Wade had the misfortune to lose one of his legs many years before his death. That said Wade and his present widow Polly Wade lived together as man and wife untill his death which was on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1823. that Mrs. Polly Wade has remained the widow of said Isaac Wade dec'd. ever since the death of her husband aforesaid to the present time - and is the identical person who is now claiming a pension from the Gen'l. Government as the widow of the aforesaid Isaac Wade dec'd  
Test [signed] Wm W. Stevens      Mary B her+mark Ryon

State of Virginia            Bedford county to witt,

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1839, personally appears before me Sam'l. P. Mitchell a Justice of the peace in and for said county, Mr. Wm. W. Stevens a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say - that he is 63 years old last October - that Isaac Wade married his mother, whose maiden name was Gibbs, on the 11 Feb'y 1779, that he has frequently heard Isaac Wade in his life time speak of his being at the capture of Lord Cornwallis - that he Wade said he saw Gen'l. Washington, and Lord, Cornwallis, meet on the the day that Cornwallis made his surrender - which was in October 1781 [sic: see note below]; that Mrs Polly Wade his present widow had to get help to plough her corn during his absence in service. that Wade and wife lived together as man and wife until his death, which was on the [blank] day of August 1823. that she has remained the widow of said Wade untill the present time, and is the identical person who is claiming a pension as the widow of said Wade.

[signed] Wm W. Stevens

NOTE: Lord Corwallis, being indisposed, was not at the surrender ceremony at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781, but assigned the task to his second in command.

**PENSION APPLICATION OF ISAAC WADE SR. W6389**

Transcribed by Imogene Bennett

National Archives pension file W6389, for Polly Wade, widow of Isaac Wade. This application was approved, & Polly received \$340 plus \$40/year (as I understand it.) This file contains several papers, all are transcribed below, not in any particular order.

State of Virginia

Bedford County to witt, On this 3rd day of May 1839, personally appeared before me Saml. P. Mitchell a Justice of the peace in and for said county Mrs. Mary B. Ryon a Respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath say that she is 78 years - that she can say positively that Isaac Wade enlisted as a regular soldier under Captain George Lambert, and she understood he served three years as a Regular soldier in the Revolutionary war - that he was at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown [80?] to the north - that after he came out of the regular service he the said Isaac Wade was married to Miss Polly Gibbs, (now Mrs. Polly Wade his present widow,) on the 11th day of February 1779 and that his first child Jeremiah Wade was born on the 18th day of Jany. 1780 - and that in the year 1781 and she thinks in the middle or latter part of August, his malitia was called into service to go to Yorktown - and she recollects distinctly that Isaac Wade aforesaid, (who married Polly Gibbs, now Polly Wade) went into Service on said occasion - and as she understood from said Isaac Wade and others that he the said Isaac Wade was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis prisoner by Genl Washington and that she recollects distinctly that it was in the fall of the year - for Mrs. Polly Wade his present widow had to get assistance from Mr. Samuel Mitchell in securing the fodder, while her husband was in service on said occasion, at the capture of Cornwallis - that said Isaac Wade had the misfortune to lose one of his legs many years before death - that said Wade and his present widow Polly Wade lived together as man and wife until his death which was on the 9th day of August 1823, that Mrs. Polly Wade has remained the widow of said Isaac Wade decd. ever since the death of her husband aforesaid to the present time - and is the identical person who is now claiming a pension from the Genl. Government, as the widow of the aforesaid Isaac Wade decd.

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Mary B. X Ryan  
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Teste Wm. W. Stevens

The words "until his death" was interlined before signed by deponent Saml. P. Mitchell J.P. Sworn to, and subscribed before me, the day and year above written - by [remark?] Saml. P. Mitchell J.P.

Deponent further says that Mrs. Polly Wade whose maiden name was Polly Gibbs was first married to Thos. Stevens - and that she was the widow of Thos. Stevens when Isaac Wade married her as aforesaid on the 11th day of Feby. 1779

- Given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1839.

Saml. P. Mitchell J.P.

**Imogene Bennett's note:** Mary B. Ryan who made the above declaration was Mary Ballinger WADE who married Whitehead RYAN Jr. in Bedford Co VA 15 Dec 1778. Mary was a sister of Joshua WADE and Isaac WADE.

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State of Virginia

Bedford County to witt. On this day of May 1839, personally appeared before me Saml. P. Mitchell a Justice of the peace in and for said County Mary E. Wade a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath say that she has frequently heard her Father My Samuel Mitchell, relate the circumstances of his having to assist Mrs. Polly Wade in securing the fodder while her husband Mr. Isaac Wade was gone into service, (after they were married) to little York where Lord Cornwallis was taken prisoner

/s/ Mary E. Wade

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above written Saml. P. Mitchell J.P.

Virginia

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for the County of Bedford at the Court house on Tuesday the 28th day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

The foregoing declaration of Polly Wade for a pension together with the affidavits of Mrs. [Mason?] Robinson, John Arthur, Mary B. Ryan, Mary E. Wade, Jesse [Will?] and William W. Stevens and the certificate of Peter [Haynes?] auditor, and of Samuel P. Mitchell, Frederic B. [A----paugh?] and Lewis C. Arthur, came this day produced in open Court, and thereupon the several being examined the Court doth order it to be certified to the War Office of the United States that the said Samuel P. Mitchell, Frederic B. [A----paugh?] and Lewis C. Arthur are Justices of the peace in and for said County that their respective signatures to the certificate aforesaid and in their own hand writing and the proceedings aforesaid had by them in the County and thereby approved ratified and confirmed and the Court doth further certify that it appears to their satisfaction that Isaac Wade and the said Polly were lawfully married in this County on the 11th day of February 1779 (eleventh day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine) and lived together as man and wife until the 9th day of August 1823 (ninth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty three) when the said Isaac Wade departed this life in this County. The maiden name of the said Polly Wade was Polly Gibbs. She first married Thomas Stevens who shortly died, and then she married the said Isaac Wade whose widow she now is - There is no record of marriages in the Office of this Court prior to 1780, and the Court doth further certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said Isaac Wade was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he first enlisted as a regular Soldier in the Army under Capt. George Lambert and served at least one year on [continental?] establishment if not longer - That after his return from this tour of duty he again went into service after his marriage with his present widow and served at least two months, being present and engaged in the battle of York-town in October 1781, and the Court doth further certify that the said Polly Wade is a lady of high standing and respectability and her oath entitled to full faith and credit and that she is unable from bodily infirmity to attend this Court in proper person and the Court doth further certify that the said Mason Robinson, John Arthur, Mary B. Ryan, Mary E. Wade, Jesse Will and William W. Stevens are each respectable residents of this County and their respective oaths entitled to full faith and credit.

I John R. Step[loe?] Deputy for Robert C. Mitchell Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of said court. In testimony whereof I [ ? ] hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court the 28th day of May 1839 in the 63rd year of the Commonwealth.

Jno. R. Step[loe?] D.C.

Note by Imogene Bennett: Mary B. Ryan who is mentioned was Mary Ballinger WADE, wife of Whitehead RYAN Jr. She was a sister of Isaac WADE in this Revolutionary application.

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State of Virginia

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Wm. W. Stevens

The words "old" and "wife" were interlined before signed. Saml. P. Mitchell J.P. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written

Saml. P. Mitchell J.P.