

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Warden¹ W6428

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[fn p. 39]

State of Kentucky Allen County Court September Term 1832

On this the 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before [several indecipherable names] Justices of said Court then and there in the Court house of said County in Court Sitting Elisha Warden a resident of the state and County aforesaid aged 71 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

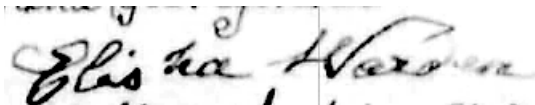
That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That sometime in September 1777 he enlisted in the town of Alexandria, Fairfax County Virginia, under Captain Thomas Pollard in the Regiment (Virginia militia) commanded by Colonels Rumney (or Rumbly) and George Gilpin in Major James Wren, the names of the other Officers not at this time recollected. That he enlisted as aforesaid in the room and stead of William Simpson who was then bound to perform a three month tour of service as a private in the Revolutionary War. Applicant states that in a few days after his enlistment aforesaid he marched with said Regiment for Pennsylvania to join the main Army passing through Georgetown and Frederick town in Maryland, thence through York and Lancaster in Pennsylvania and through other towns not now remembered and joined the American Army on its retreat from the battle of Germantown on the same day and near that town. Shortly after the junction aforesaid said Regiment was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Charles Scott, applicant was in no battle or engagement with the enemy during the time of his service, the detachment to which he belonged changed positions from time to time, and was principally employed as a party of observation to ascertain the movements of the British. Applicant with those who enlisted with him were discharged at the Wet Camp sometime in December 1777.

This applicant further states that at the time of his being discharged as aforesaid, he did not apply for a written discharge; but some time after he did procure the certificate of his said Captain Thomas Pollard proving his service as a soldier as above stated, in the same now in the possession of applicant is in the words and figures following (to wit) Fairfax Sct. At the time of the draft of this County militia last September Elijah Wharton who I understood drew a high number, did agreed to go in the room of William Simpson who drew No. 3, provided Simpson would go, whenever it became to Warden's turn, in the said Ward and did March in Simpsons stead and remained in camp till the militia was discharged. Certified this 22nd day of May 1778 S/ Thos. Pollard.

¹ BLWt34518-160-55

This applicant states that previously to his serving in the room of William Simpson as above stated, and as he thinks, and to the best of his recollection in 1776 he served on an expedition under the same Captain Pollard for some weeks perhaps about a month in protecting the State of General Washington at Mount Vernon from the depredations of the British. That he served as a volunteer in Captain James Waugh's Company in the protection of the Town of Colchester in Fairfax County from the British. That he also served in said Waugh's company, which was the same that had been under the command of Captain Thomas Pollard, sometime in 1781. The applicant marched with said company and they went as far as Colchester in their way to join the American Army then at or near Little York (Virginia). The company was by order of General Washington (as was said) employed for some time in clearing out and repairing the road from Colchester to York, for the northern Army and artillery to pass on to the siege. Applicant cannot state with precision the length of time he served in either of the enumerated excursions, but taken altogether, it is his belief and best recollection that he served in the Revolutionary war about 7 months. He has no documentary evidence other than the Certificate of Captain Pollard above stated, and if he ever had any other the same has long since been lost or destroyed. Applicant was born in the County of Prince William State of Virginia in July 1761 from the best information he can have and as he believes, he has no record of his age, when called into service he was living in Fairfax County Virginia since the revolutionary [war] he has lived in Fauquier County Virginia and afterwards in this County & State of Kentucky and now lives in Allen County Kentucky, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure in this matter save the individual whose statement is hereto appended. Applicant has often spoken of his having been a soldier of the Revolution and he doubts not his neighbors can testify as to his having so spoken and as to their belief of the truth or falsehood of his statements. Statements of Zachariah Pinson and Jesse L Hickman who live in his neighborhood and have long known applicant are hereto appended and depended upon to show that statements made by him and the belief of the neighborhood as to applicant's reputation for truth and his being a revolutionary soldier.

This applicant 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



[Peyton Welch, Zodock B. Thackston, Jesse L. Hickman and Zachariah Pinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11]

State of Kentucky Allen County Court Term 1833

On this the 8th day of April 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before Robert McClany, John Caruth, John Whitney, Samuel Hainlin [?], Thomas Sutton, Ames Harris & Thomas Caruth Justices of said Court then in the Courthouse in and for said County in Court Sitting Elisha Warden a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

This applicant upon his said oath declare its and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War: but according to the best of his recollection he served not less

than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For three months ___days he served as a private under Captain Thomas Pollard. For ten days he served as a private again under Captain Pollard. For three months ___days he served as a Sergeant under Captain James Waugh making in all six months ten days and for such service he claims a pension.

To Question 1st prescribed by the Department of War This applicant answers that he was born in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia in July 1761 as from the best information he has received, he verily believes. To Question 2nd he answers, That he has no record of his age, nor does he know where there is a record of the same. To Question the 3rd he answers, That when he entered the service he was living in Farfaxe [Fairfax] County State of Virginia, since the Revolution he lived in Fauquier County State of Virginia in Barren County State of Kentucky and that he now lives in Allen County State of Kentucky. To Question 4th, he states that he entered the service both as a volunteer, and substitute for William Simpson and as a draft. To Question the 5th, he responds That General Charles Scott of Regulars, General Washington and others and Colonels Rumney (or Rumbly) and George Gilpin, Major James Wren, Captain Thomas Pollard and Captain Thomas Waugh of militia were at different times with the troops where this applicant served. The general circumstances of the service of this applicant are as follows. He enlisted in September 1777 with Captain Thomas Pollard of Virginia militia as a substitute for William Simpson. Pollard's company belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rumney (or Rumbly) by Colonels George Gilpin and Major James Wren & others applicant states that he enlisted in Alexandria, Fairfax County Virginia, and shortly after he marched with said Regiment from Alexandria, and joined the main Army near Germantown, on its retreat from and on the same day of the Battle fought at that town between the American and British forces. Applicant states that on their march to join as aforesaid, said Regiment passed through Georgetown and Frederick town in Maryland and through York and Lancaster in Pennsylvania and through other places not now remembered. That shortly after the junction aforesaid, the said Regiment was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Charles Scott. That the detachment to which he belonged, acted as a party of observation, to ascertain and report the movements of the British. That applicant and those enlisted with him were discharged at the Wet Camp their term of service having expired, sometime in December 1777. This applicant further states that previously to serving as above set forth, and to the best of his recollection in 1777 he enlisted under the same Captain Pollard as a private of militia and served in said Pollard's company as a private for the time stated in the first part of this declaration in protecting the coast along the Potomac River from the depredations of the enemy. That he again enlisted with Captain James Waugh at Prices in Fairfax County Virginia as a volunteer in said Company in 1781 to the best of his recollection, and marched in said Company to Colchester in Virginia, and was for some time employed in clearing out and repairing the road from Colchester to Little York and refers here to the first part of this declaration for the time he served. The applicant was in no battle with the enemy during his service. As regards the 6th Interrogatory prescribed by the Department of War, This applicant responds, That he did obtain a discharge, or written certificate of his service which he caused to [be] forwarded, through the Honorable Christopher Tompkins to the Department of War, it was given by Captain Thomas Pollard. He further states that for some defect a previous declaration of his has been returned to him and said certificate has not been received. The said certificate was only for one Tour of service, applicant has no recollection of having received any other written discharge, but states positively that he was discharged from all his said services by the Officer commanding, having faithfully discharged his duty. As to the 7th Question prescribed he states that he is

known to the Reverend Jesse L Hickman and others whose certificate is hereto appended all of whom live in his present neighborhood and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a revolutionary soldier.

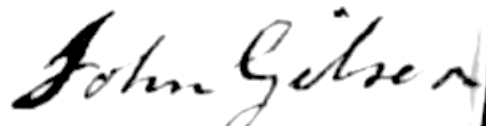
This applicant knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services aforesaid but John Gibson² whose deposition is appended hereto. He has no documentary evidence save the certificate of Captain Pollard as above stated, and cannot procure any other proof of any kind, to support his application for a pension, so far as he knows or believes. This applicant 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/ Elisha Warden



I John Gibson a resident of Allen County State of Kentucky being first duly sworn according to law depose and say That I have carefully read and examined the foregoing statements of the declarant Elisha Warden. This deponent states that he enlisted in Captain Ramsey's Company at Alexandria Fairfax County Virginia in September 1777 and shortly marched with the Regiment (Virginia militia close commanded by Colonel Rumney (or Rumbly) George Gilpin and Major James Wren. Said company (Captain Ramsey's) belonging to said Regiment. This deponent states that he has a distinct recollection of the facts as to the marching of said Regiment from Alexandria, the route from thence, passing through Georgetown, Frederickstown, York and Lancaster, the junction of the Regiment with the main Army near Germantown it being attached to Scott's brigade, and the discharge of the men at the Wet Camp as to the said statement by Warden set forth. This deponent states further that he resided in Fairfax County Virginia during the year 1776 – 77 – 78 and for several years thereafter he was acquainted with Captain Thomas Pollard and knows that he commanded as stated above by Warden and in the Regiment commanded by said Officers. Deponent heard at the time of the troops marching to the but, to guard the coast as set forth in the above declaration, and also heard of Captain Waugh's marching his Company to the protection of Colchester and for little York in 1781 but he was not in the company and states from what he recollects as generally known in Fairfax County at the time and then and there reported. Deponent had no acquaintance with Warden until he removed to Kentucky. Since his removal they live about 4 miles from each other. Deponent has seen Warden often, often talked with him about his being in the Revolutionary War, he states that in the many conversations they have had on the subject, which conversations were the more frequent because of their coming from the same County and serving in the same Regiment said Warden has always given him the same information on the subject, as is comprehended in his foregoing Declaration. This deponent has frequently heard said Warden spoken of in his present neighborhood as a soldier of the revolution such he thinks is the general belief. He further states that Warden's reputation is good. Sworn and subscribed the same day and year.

S/ John Gibson



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[Benjamin Bailey and Jesse L Hickman, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 16: On July 23, 1855, Fanny Warden, 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Elisha Warden stating that she married him in Fauquier County Virginia in 1798; that they were married by John Pickett, a Baptist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Fanny Dearing; that her husband died in Allen County Kentucky December 19, 1835.][fn p. 18: On the same day in Allen County Kentucky, the widow of filed for a pension; in this application she states that her first child was born May 11, 1799 and that she had been married to her husband in March of the preceding year.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.12 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 10 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the same rate commencing September 30, 1865.]