

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Wellborn (Welborn) W6464 Mary fn54¹NC
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State of Alabama Madison County

On this 10th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before William Crawford, Judge of the Dis. Court of the U.S. for the [indecipherable word] Dist. of Alabama now sitting Isaac Wellborn Senior, a resident of the County of Madison and State of Alabama seventy-four years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 177_[last digit illegible] affiant being then an inhabitant of the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina volunteered under Captain Haregrove [sic, Hargrove or Hargrave?] (there being orders for a draft for 3000 men, if there were not volunteers enough to make up that number) after he had thus volunteered he joined the Army commanded by Armstrong Colonel and Rutherford General, headquarters was on the Catawba River. This expedition was against the Indians and Tories many of both were killed and taken prisoners. He was in service in this tour seven months. This part of the country was supposed to be four fifths Tories. About the year 1779 affiant having just married, complied with the then existing laws, that if six men furnish a substitute for eighteen months they should be free from service for that time he and 5 others did furnish said substitute his name was Boyd he was marched to Charleston from whence he never returned. But in about a month after he had thus employed his said substitute he volunteered for the space of ninety days under Captain John Barton [? could be Barbons?] was mustered in the service near the but she mountain at the time the British & Tories had gathered into a considerable boy [sic ? body?] on the Pee Dee River [Pedee River] in North Carolina just at the mouth of Rocky River -- this expedition was to dislodge and destroy these British and Tories in pursuance of this object the Army commanded by Colonel Isaacks but cannot recollect whether Rutherford or Davey [sic, Davie] had the chief command marched to the Pedee and there attacked the enemy the engagement was general it commenced in the fore part of the day a number were killed and Davy was wounded the enemy being many taken

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prisoner and many killed & wounded betook to flight, in this expedition affiant acted as Lieutenant by appointment of his commanding officer but had no commission. In this expedition he was in actual service nearly the whole three months. About this time being plundered and broken up by the British and Tories in the County of Wilkes removed from there into the County of Randolph in the same State. Afterwards in the year 1780 Colonel John Latterel [sic, John Luttrell] was ordered to raise a troop of horse of five hundred strong and on the 27th of August of that year he joined said Colonel as a volunteer under Captain Hynds [sic, Hines?] with this Army he marched and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in the South near Cheraw Hill. General Greene was then retreating before Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] who pressed him so hard that he frequently overtook his rear guard and fired on it which was promptly returned by the retreating troops. Greene having been reinforced beyond the Dan River in Virginia & affiant's time of six months having expired in active service, he left the Army on the 27th of February 1781 on that very night General Greene having received his reenforcement turned about in the morning to make battle with the pursuing the Army and shortly after that the battle of Guilford was fought. Affiant hearing a few days after that, Greene had turned [?] upon the enemy, he returned and joined Greene again & served with him until the two armies passed each other Wallace [Cornwallis] going to Little York and Greene to the South.

Lastly affiant states that he was under arms either against the Tories or British all the remaining time of the Revolutionary War as much the greater part of the population where he then lived were Tories, he was forced to take frequent short expeditions against them, he met several times under Hinds and York &c.

Affiant states he was born in Orange County in the State of North Carolina now Guilford County in the year 1758. He states he has no written discharge if he ever got any (which is likely he did) he has lost them. He states he has a record of his age in a family Bible now in his possession. He further states he was living in said County of Wilkes when he first went into service. Soon after the war he moved from North Carolina to Georgia and remained there until he removed to the said County of Madison where he still resides. Affiant states he believes that taking all the time he was in actual service of the United States during the Revolutionary war, together it would amount to the sum of five years. Thus said affiant having given as full an account of his services as he well could without entering into too long detail he submits it as it is. It is imperfect it is hue [?] but it must be remembered that it is a statement of what took place more than fifty years ago, He further states he has no documentary evidence of his services whatever. He states further that he knows of no witness now living by whom he could prove the whole of his said services, he will prove part however by Mr. Solomon Geren.²

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.

Affiant had nearly forgotten one expedition and one battle he will here state it. A number of Tories had collected on the Catawba [River] at Ramsour's mill³ affiant was called out and met with Colonel Cleaveland's Troops and attacked said Tories a considerable battle took place in which affiant fought, and the Tories were routed, many killed & many prisoners taken affiant was in service about a month in this expedition.

S/ Isaac Wellborn

[James Rowe, a clergyman, & Robert Horton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

² [Solomon Geren W80](#)

³ June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

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State of Alabama Madison County

Solomon Geren a resident citizen of Roane County East Tennessee makes oath that he was well acquainted with Major Isaac Wellborn Senior now of the said Court [sic] of Madison during the Revolutionary war he states that he has heard his statement read or his declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7 of June 1832, he states that he was [indecipherable word] intimate acquaintance of Major Wellborn while he was in the said County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina he states of his own knowledge that Major Wellborn Senior did fight the British and Tories he further states he served with him six months in the Revolutionary war in the expedition under Colonel Luttrell when he joined General Greene who was flying from Wallace [sic, Cornwallis], He further distinctly recollects that after he left Greene's Army he went in the same tour with Major Wellborn under Hynds & York, in an expedition against the Tories affiant further states that he has no hesitation in saying that Major Wellborn has truly stated his services in his declaration in relation to his being a soldier of the Revolution for the following reasons he lived in the country was acquainted with his views and knew him to be a soldier in the one [?] sense of the word and so considering him his movements were of interest and noticed by this affiant he has heard from many now no more what corroborates with the said Declaration and convinces affiant that it is every word true affiant further states that he remembers well that the said Wellborn was considered one of the bravest and oldest officers of the Forces, He was every [sic] ready for action either against British or Tory and he further states that he was then and has ever since been considered a man of the first respectability and character. He further states from a knowledge of the service and the time he was ~~in~~ actually in service as a soldier of the Revolutionary war in the service of the United States he will state that he has no doubt but Major Wellborn's Statement as to that he is correct he must have served at least 5 years

Sworn to in open Court -- 10th of October 1832

S/ C. R. Clifton, Clk

S/ Solomon Geren

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Ezekiel Croft⁴ a resident of the County of Madison State of Alabama makes oath that he has heard the declaration of Major Isaac Wellborn Senior for the purpose of obtaining his pension he further states that he has read the above affidavit of Solomon Geren and he says he knows the facts therein stated to be true he was with both these individuals at the time they were with Greene and during the whole war whenever he heard of Major Wellborn -- which was very frequently, he always heard of him being in service he saw him himself a short time after he left General Greene in an expedition under Hinds & York against the British and Tories. He has no doubt that he served four years as above stated he states that he heard his father say he was with Major Wellborn in the service -- affiant further concurs in the high respectability of Major Wellborn. He represents this County as a member of the Legislature and has remained a man of the first respectability ever since.

S/ Ezekiel Croft

S/ Solomon Geren

Sworn in open court 10th of October 1832

S/ C. R. Clifton, Clk

⁴ [Ezekiel Croft \(Craft\) S16739](#)

[fn p. 46: January 6, 1849 in Madison County Alabama, Mary Wellborn, 91, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 stating that she is the widow of Isaac Wellborn; that she married him in 1778; that her husband died January 25th, 1839; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 78: the clerk of Wilkes County North Carolina certifies that he has made search of his office for the marriage license bond of Isaac Wellborn and Mary Barton and no such bond was found. His certificate is dated August 4, 1847.]

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: August Session 1847

This the 4th day of August personally appeared before us the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Colonel James Wellborn and made solemn oath, that his brother Isaac Wellborn was born in the year of our Lord 1758 and was married to Mary Barton sometime in the year 1778 in his presence.

Sworn to and subscribed before us

S/ L. J. Bicknell, Clk.

S/ J. Wellborn

[facts in file: The date of which the veteran died is stated as both January 22 or 25, 1839; veteran and his wife had several children, it the only names given in the file are Mrs. Levicy Davis, widow of Robert Davis, who stated on July 23, 1849 that she is 68 years old and living in Madison County Alabama (she died a few months after giving this evidence); and Isaac Wellborn, who was referred to in 1850 as "General" and about 70 years of age at that time.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 16 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]