

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Wheat W6481

Adelaide

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State of Missouri County of New Madrid: SS

On this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of New Madrid County, now in Session, Jacob Wheat a resident of New Madrid Township in New Madrid County aforesaid in State aforesaid aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

My Captain was Stephen Ashby, Benjamin Casy, first Lieutenant, Abraham Zanes 2nd Lieutenant, Richard Raute [Richard Raut?], Ensign, Mr. Waggoner Major. Entered the Service in September or October in the year 1776 and left the same in September in the year 1780. Entered the service as a volunteer at Wheeling in the State of Virginia, and was Stationed there from that time until sometime in the spring following, when we were marched to the Army under General Washington, then Stationed at what was called the Little Hills in the Jerseys, in a few days after he joined the Army under Washington, he went as a Scout under Captain Darke to Amboy, there joined the 12th Regiment Navel [Neville?] Colonel Starling [Stirling?] General, and had an engagement with the British at the Ash Swamp, and fell back on the main Army, marched with the Army to Sass River in New York, and from there was marched back to the Delaware, and then was engaged in the battle of the Brandywine, and from thence to the best of my recollection, in August in the year 1777 returned to my Father's at Wheeling on furlough, he staid but a short time at his father's when he was persuaded by Captain Benjamin Harrison to join his company in the 13th Regiment, in Stationed at Pittsburgh being advised by Captain Harrison that it made no difference, so that he was in the service of the United States, and being also advised that Harrison's Company would soon march to the Main Army, where he could join his own Company and he joined Harrison's Company Hand was the General Gibson Colonel, Latt [?] Harrison Lieutenant Stationed at Pittsburgh, Continued in the 13th Regiment until about the first of January, after when he was a party of twenty-five men under the command of Captain James Willing was authorized by the Government, as I was informed and believed, to take twenty-five men from the 13th Regiment to go on some business to New Orleans and he one of the number who went with him to that place, arrived at New Orleans sometime in March 1778 and in September next after left New Orleans to return to Pittsburgh under the command of Captain Robert George and Lieutenant Richard Harrison, returned as far as Kaskaskie [Kaskaskia] where he and his company joined the forces under General Clark [George Rogers Clark], and continued with the Army under General Clark on their movements to the North Western Territory, was engaged in the battle with the Indians at the Pickaway Towns, Continued in the Army under

General Clark until September 1780 when he was discharged at the falls of Ohio. And the reason he has not made an earlier application for a pension was that he had been informed that no person was entitled to a pension unless he was poor and destitute of property, and this was not the fact with him, for though not rich yet he had a sufficiency of property to live on with his own personal exertions and further states from his age and infirmities he may be mistaken in dates – but thinks he is not, he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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 before me in open court, this 23rd day of February 1838

S/ Richard Barkley, Clerk

S/ Jacob Wheat, X his mark

[Richard Phillips and H P Maulsby [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born the 15th day of November A.D. 1760 in Frederick County Maryland

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

An. I have a record of my age at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

An. At the time I entered the service I was living at Wheeling Virginia – Since the Revolution I lived 18 years in Jackson County Kentucky from there I moved to New Madrid County Missouri where I have lived ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

An. I volunteered in the Service

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Entered the service at Wheeling in the autumn of 1776 under Stephen Ashby Captain, Benjamin Casy first Lieutenant, Abraham Zanes 2nd Lieutenant, Richard Route, Waggoner Major. In the spring after I joined the main Army under Washington at what was called the Little Hill in the Jerseys, in a short time after joining the main Army was ordered to Amboy under Captain Dark – there joined the 12th Regiment – Navo Colonel Starling General and had an engagement with the British at the Ash Swamps – and fell back on the main Army, thence marched to Loss River in New York, and marched back to the Delaware, was engaged in the Battle of the Brandywine, returned to my Father's at Wheeling on furlough, Joined Captain Benjamin Harrison's Company in the 13 Regiment, Stationed at Pittsburgh under Colonel Gibson, Hand was General under the command of Captain James Willing, was marched to the South; and returned under the command of Captain Robert George, Richard Harrison Lieutenant, when he and his company served the Army under General Clark, continued with General Clarke's Army in its movements in the North Western Territory, and was engaged in a battle with the Indians at Pickaway Town and was finally discharged at the falls of Ohio.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

An. I had a written discharge from Captain Robert George but since have lost it

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

An. The following persons in my present neighborhood A. Smith, H. D. Maulsly, Emilie Chailland, Richard Barkley, William W Hunter, FC Butler, RD Dawson, Justis Morgan, J. B. Martin will state their belief of my having been a Soldier of the revolution and to my character for truth and veracity.

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I hereby certify that it appears from a pay roll of Captain Robert George's Company of Artillery in the Illinois Department – that Jacob Wheat entered that Company as Gunner on the 4th day of June 1779 and that he was discharged the 20th day of October 1781.

Given under my hand at the Alters Office Richmond this 28th day of February 1845

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor Virginia

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The Deposition Major Bland W Ballard¹ taken at his residence in Shelby County Kentucky on the 4 day of June 1844 to be read as evidence in the Case of Adelaide Wheat widow of Jacob Wheat deceased

State if you please Major Ballard all you know of the Revolutionary Services of Jacob Wheat, your knowledge of him since the war closed &c Answer. I was an enlisted Soldier in Captain Benjamin Roberts' Company of Colonel George Slaughter's Corps from 1779 until the same was disbanded in the fall of 1781, and was a greater part of the time at the falls of Ohio, I was often detailed to bear expresses to spy and oftener required to [indecipherable word] to procure provisions for the troops stationed at the falls, affiant was often thrown with the officers and soldiers of other Companies, than that to which he was arranged. That in the year 1780 he got intimately acquainted with Jacob Wheat who was a Soldier of Captain George's Company of Artillery, which company was attached to Colonel John Montgomery's Regiment under General Clark, that he often saw & conversed with him and said Wheat continued in Captain George's Company until the fall of 1781 when the Company was disbanded, he thinks he afterwards saw him in the service at Indian skirmishes during the Indian War, he states that said Wheat was an excellent Soldier, said Wheat settled after the war in Jefferson County Kentucky on Floyd's fork, and married his first wife in said County, and about 1800 moved to the Spanish dominions at New Madrid and continued to reside there until the earthquake in 1811 when he came back to Jefferson County Kentucky and remained a few years, and when Congress made provisions for the sufferers, said Wheat returned to New Madrid, as he said Wheat said to this affiant that he was going before he left Kentucky this affiant was often in said Wheat's Company while he was living in Kentucky before he first went to New Madrid and before he went the second time, He never saw him in Kentucky after he left in 1813 or thereabouts but heard from him at times, and heard of his having lost his first wife, Said Wheat in conversations always said he was at the taking of the post of Vincennes & Kaskies [Kaskaskia] & General Hamilton, while under General Clark, though this affiant was not there at the time they were reduced further saith not. Sworn to & subscribed this day and date above

S/ Bland W. Ballard

¹ [Bland W. Ballard W20655](#)

Wheat & Wheat

[fn p. 11: On may 24, 1844 in New Madrid County Missouri, Adelaide Wheat, 60, filed for a a claim for the pension due her husband as a soldier of the revolution; she states that she married him in the year 1823 or 4; that her husband died October 1, 1843 in New Madrid, Missouri.

Adelaide Wheat]

[fn p. 40: On August 19, 1853 in New Madrid County Missouri, Adelaide Wheat, 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Wheat a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him December 4, 1823; that her husband died September 13, 1843 in New Madrid Missouri; and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a gunner of artillery in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing February 3rd, 1853.]

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Addendum to Jacob Wheat W6481

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

Jacob Wheat Served as a Serj't of Artillery in my Company from the falls of Ohio return'd from Camp Revolt to Post St. Vincents October the 8th 1786 he behaved as a good soldier during the Expedition

V. T. Dalton [Valentine Thomas Dalton W3610]

Capt of Artillery



Hampshire County March 21st 1783

I hearby Do Certifi that Jacob Wheat enlisted with me at whealin [Wheeling?] in the year 1777 for three years and no longer given under my hand the Day above written

Stephen Ashby [BLWt2420-300]

Memorandum for Jacob Wheate

This Souldiers name will be found in the Report of Mr Commissioner [John H.] Smith in 1833. Document No 32 with the remark of Entitled to land for the war. Also his name will be found on the Roll of Capt Robt Granger [Robert Granger] company of Artillery. Attached to the Illinois Rigt. His heirs living in New Madrid Missouri apply for the land due a souldier for during the war. Jacob Wheat the souldier died in 1842 or 3 and within the last sixty days a Pension has been obtained by his widdow for his services commencing 4th March 1831 and terminating with his death

To His Excellency the Governor & Council of Virginia. your petitioners the heirs at law of Jacob Wheat decd would most respectfully represent unto your Excellency that their decd father Jacob Wheat enlisted as a regular Soldier in the Company of Robert George of the Regiment of Col John Montgomery for and during the war of the American Revolution, that he continued to Serve as such untill the close of the war & as such became entiled to land from the State of Virginia as a Soldier for the war which allowance they pray be adjudged unto them by his Excellency the Governor of Va. and they will ever pray &c

Sep 1 1844 John Wheat Jacob Wheat Wm Wheat Adelide Wheat & others the Heirs at Law of new madrid County Mo By W H Todd atty in fact

Sep 2 1847. Rejected R. T. Daniel L. Gov.