

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Wharton W6488 Letitia Wharton VA
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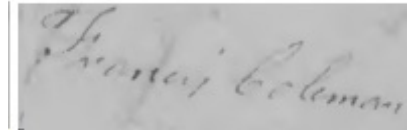
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The Honorable the Speaker: And Gentlemen of the House of Delegates
The Petition of Samuel Wharton sheweth. That your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Militia of the state of Virginia and at the seige of York in the latter end of the year 1781 from Spotsylvania County and under the command of Captain Francis Coleman. That whilst at work in the intrenchments before the town aforesaid your Petitioner received a wound in both his hands from the enemys cannon which has rendered your Petitioner incapable of providing for himself a wife and Eight children. That your Petitioner has been frequently advised to ask some relief from your Honorable body. And being willing to labour as long as possible to support himself and family was unwilling to become burthensome to his Country, but finding his infirmity's to increase as he advances in years it induces your Petitioner to come froward at this late day to ask relief as you in your Wisdom shall think Just and Right from the Certificates hereunto anexed & your Petitioner will ever pray &c &c
Samuel Wharton

Samuel Whorton, being rendered unfit for service by the wounds he received in his hads, is hereby permitted to return home, by Order of Doct'r. Matthew Pope [pension application R17152] director Gen'l. 18th Oct'r. 1781 A. Smith A. Surg'n. Hosp'l
[possibly Augustine Smith]



I Hereby Certyfy that in October 1781 I Commanded a Company of Milishey at the Seage of York & that Samul Wharton was a Soalder Under me & was said to be wounded in the Hands which I was not preasant As witness my Hand this 14 of December 1799
Francis Coleman, Capt



The affidavit of Samuel Sale taken this 16th December 1803. This deponant deposeth and saith that he was at the Seige of York and saw Samuel Wharton with his hands badly wounded and was informed it was done at the aforesaid Seige and further believeth that the wounds said Wharton reciev'd renders him incapable of supporting himself and Family. Farther this deponant saith not.

Sworn to before me the day and year above written James M. Bell

The affidavit of Richard Dickinson taken this 16th Dec'r. 1803. This deponant deposeth and saith, that in the year 1781 Samuel Wharton was drafted in Spotsylvania County to perform his Round of duty in the Militia of the County aforesaid, under the command of Captn. Francis Coleman, that said Wharton at the Seige of the British army (under the command of Lord Cornwallis at York Town) was at work in the entrenchments before the Town aforesaid, and that he was brought to the publick Hospital, wounded in both his hands. This deponat further saith that he believes that the wounds said Wharton reciev'd as aforesaid has rendered him incapable of supporting his Family and self from the action of his bodily abilities. This deponant further saith that he was present at the time said wharton was carried to the Hospital and aided in dressing his wounds. Further this deponant saith not. The above sworn to before me the day and date above
Sam'l. Sales

NOTES:

Whitehead Coleman was a captain of the 1st Regiment of Continental Artillery from 1778 until after the surrender of Cornwallis.

On 10 June 1842 Letitia Wharton, about 74, applied for a pension under a different law, but that application provided no detail of Samuel Wharton's services, because "full evidence of them was... furnished when he obtained his pension." In that earlier application she gave the date of marriage as 8 Mar 1785 or 1786 and the date of her husband's death as 11 Dec 1841. That date of death was also given on 13 Jun 1842 by James H. Minor, Samuel Wharton's attending physician. On 13 Feb 1843 one William Wharton deposed that Samuel Wharton died on 10 Dec 1841.

The file contains a copy of a permission for a license to be issued for the marriage of Samuel Wharton and Letty Hutcherson, signed by her father, William Hutcherson, on 4 Mar 1786. Also in the file is a copy of the bond signed on 5 Mar 1786 by Samuel Wharton and Robert Hutcherson for the marriage of Wharton to Letty Hutcherson. On 7 Jul 1842 Mary Middlebrook stated that she had been present at the marriage of Samuel Wharton to Letty Hutcherson, daughter of William and Sarah Hutcherson. On 13 Feb 1843 Archibald Hutchison and Thomas Coleman stated that they had also been at the wedding.

A 22 Mar 1843 document states that a John Wharton of Culpeper County VA had power of attorney to receive the pension of Letitia Wharton. Other documents state that John Wharton was her son, and they refer to daughters unnamed.

On 19 Oct 1855 Letitia Wharton, 90, of Culpeper County VA applied for bounty land. Mary B. Wharton and Susan E. Wharton witnessed the application.