

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Wiltshire Cardwell W6632
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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit

On this 3^d day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Charlotte now sitting Wiltshire Cardwell a resident of said County aged sixty eight 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 the 7th of June 1832 in relation to the revolutionary soldiers. He was drafted as a private in the militia for 3 months and started from Charlotte County (the ninth of January 1781) in a company commanded by Capt. Richard Gaines of the same County he marched direct to Suffolk Virginia and there joined the regiment commanded by Col. Charles Flemming [sic: Charles Fleming], General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was the commanding officer the British was in possession of Portsmouth about 20 miles from Suffolk he was employed in various scouting parties between Suffolk and Portsmouth and was discharged the ninth of April he has lost his discharge. 2^d The applicant was drafted in the militia and started from Prince Edward County Va (an adjoining county to Charlotte) about the 1st of May 1781 and marched direct to Head Quarters near Fredericksburg Capt Colwell of Charlotte County commanded the company after reaching head Quarters his company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. [Alexander] Dick the Marquis Lafayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] and Gen. [Anthony] Wayne were the Commanding officers the American army pursued Lord Cornwallis to Jamestown Va and they had an engagement with the enemy [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul] the applicant was in the engagement and formed one of the advanced guard. After the Battle he was discharged he thinks about the 27 or 28th of July. he has lost his discharge. 3^{dly} The applicant was drafted for the 3^d time in the militia about the first of August following and marched under the command of Captain Gideon Spencer of Charlotte direct to Yorktown Va then in possession of Lord Cornwallis. he remained at Yorktown during the whole siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct] and saw the surrender of Cornwallis to the Americans. he frequently saw Gen. Washington and Gen. Lafayette and other officers he was discharged the last of October, the applicant has no documentary evidence. The certificate of James Pugh [pension application W5588] a resident of Prince Edward County accompanying this declaration will prove the whole of his service he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll for the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Wiltshire Cardwell his mark X

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On this first day of April 1833 Personally appeared before me Archibald D Alexander a justice of the peace for the County of Charlotte Wiltshire Cardwell who being first duly sworn makes the following amendment to his original declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 in relation to the the revolutionary soldiers and containing answers to the objections of the War Department to the admission of his claim for a pension under the aforesaid act which objections are contained in a brief accompanying the return of his original declaration and marked in red ink) the applicant deposes and sayeth in answer to the first objection marked in the brief that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. In 1781 For three months he served as a private in the militia. 2^d Tour in 1781 he served for two months and twenty eight days as a private. 3^d Tour in 1781 he served three months as a private and for these services he claims a pension. These several tours are particularly stated in his original declaration. In answer to the 2^d objection marked in red in Ink the applicant sayeth that It was not

considered necessary to obtain the certificate of two persons where there was a living witness who had personal knowledge of his services and the applicant now refers the department to the annexed certificates of Benjamin Marshall and Thomas Johns as an answer to the said objection. In answer to the third objection marked in red Ink in relation to the clergyman he says that there was no clergyman living within ten miles of his residence and he is not acquainted with any clergman who is acquainted with the belief of his neighbourhood relative to his revolutionary service and there is no clergyman now living less than ten miles from his residence. In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department which were not answered satisfactorily in his original declaration he returns the following answers in the order in which they are marked, Viz That he was born in the county of Powhatan State of Virginia on the 2^d day of August 1764.

2^{dly} I have a record of my age now in my possession. lastly the applicant refers to the following named persons residing in his preseth neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services Viz, Major Samuel Spence, Capt Samuel D Morton, Capt Elijah Clark and David Bartee, Thomas Johns and Benjamin Marshall whose certificate is annexed.

[signed] Wiltshire Cardwell

NOTE: On 29 Nov 1838 Mary Cardwell, 68, applied for a pension stating that she was married on 18 Dec 1792 by Rev. Archibald McRoberts to Wiltshire Cardwell, who died on 3 July 1834. A document in the file states that Mary Cardwell's name before marriage was Mary Russell.