

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Welch W8989

Susannah

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State of Kentucky Marion County Sct.

On this 13th day of November 1840 personally appeared before may James Devers a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Marion and State aforesaid Susannah Welch a resident of said County aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, That she is the widow of Joseph Welch who enlisted as a regular soldier in the service of his Country in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia some time in the year 1776 for the term of two years and served out his term of enlistment in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Cabell and in the Regiment denominated as the 7th Virginia Regiment and at the expiration of said two years the said Joseph Welch received an Honorable discharge, And after receiving his discharge he was taken sick and sent to the hospital where he continued until his recovery and then continued with the Army nine months more including the time of his sickness, She further declares that she has seen and read the said Joseph Welches discharge which he received for the two years service along time since his death and frequently during his lifetime, but what has become of said discharge she does not know it has either been misplaced or lost so that she cannot at this time get it to file with this declaration, She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Welch in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia in the month of August 1786. That her Husband the aforesaid Joseph Welch died in the month of February 1825. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, She further declares that her said Husband the aforesaid Joseph Welch served under General Morgan. That she knows of no record of her marriage but has a family record of the age of her children in her Bible which she will have filed.

S/ Susannah Welch, X her mark

[fn p. 4: Miss Elizabeth Welch, 52, gave testimony in Marion County on November 13, 1840 that she is the daughter of Joseph and Susanna Welch; that she has no doubt of his service as a soldier in the revolutionary war; "she has heard him so frequently in his lifetime speak of the services he rendered in the company commanded by Lieutenant Lawrey Rose and Captain Samuel Cabell and that he belonged to Morgan's Rifle Regiment...." She also authenticates the family Bible record saying that it is in the handwriting of John Garland a school master written many years ago prior to her father's death. She signed her up affidavit with her mark.]

[fn p. 8: family record:

Henry Harper was born March 3rd 1783

Elizabeth Welch was born June 25th, 1787

Sherred Welch was born November 25th 1788

John Welch was born February 25 179?

Susanna Welch was born May 25th, 1792

Margret Welch was born January 19th 1795

Francis Welch was born August 29th 1797

Joseph Welch was born November 7th 1799

[fn p. 11: On January 14, 1841, Ezra Morrison, a resident of Lincoln County Kentucky and aged 84 years gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Joseph Welch and Captain Samuel Cabel [sic], both citizens of Amherst County Virginia; that he knew Joseph Welch enlisted for 2 years in the company commanded by said Samuel Cabel; that they marched from Amherst County to the North; that the company of Captain Cabel belonged to the 6th Virginia Regiment; that the said Joseph Welch and his family moved from Amherst County to the state of Kentucky in the year 1789.]

[fn p. 18]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of May 1784, in the name of Joseph Welch as a Soldier of Infantry for £20.2.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel S. Cabell and was given for services prior to the first January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's office, Richmond, this 17th day of July 1840.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

[fn p. 21]

The deposition of Ezra Morrison¹ a resident of Lincoln County Kentucky taken the 20th day of November 1840 at his own residence to be read as evidence in favor of the application of Mrs. Susanna Welch for a pension.

Deponent being eighty-four years [of age] Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Welch a soldier in the Revolution from the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia the deponent perfectly recollects that the said Joseph Welch belonged to a Company commanded by Captain Samuel Cabell which company the deponent thinks was attached to the 6th Virginia Regiment, the Deponent thinks the said Joseph joined the Army in the fall of 1776 the deponent was at that time in the company commanded by Captain Fountain of the 2nd Virginia Regiment in the fall of 1776 the Regiment the deponent belonged to lay in Springfield Virginia and the Regiment that the said Joseph Welch belonged to lay about 3 miles off at what was called College camp, the Regiment that the said Welch belonged to lay there but a short time before they marched to the North and the Regiment the Deponent belonged to the time of the men expired, that fall, a short time after said Joseph Welch marched off. The deponent joined a Regiment that marched to the South where he staid three years and did not see the said Welch anymore until he returned from the South, The said Welch & the deponent moved

¹ [Ezra Morrison S13956](#)

from Amherst County Virginia to the County of Lincoln Kentucky where they lived near neighbors for near thirty years when the said Joseph Welch sold out and moved to Washington now Marion County Kentucky where he understood he lived until his death, the Deponent is a pensioner of the general government for his services rendered in the Revolutionary War, and further saith not.

S/ Ezra Morrison, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband's service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]