

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ James Martin, JP

S/ Mary Wheatley, X her mark

[fn p. 79: on October 28, 1839 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Susannah Mathis, about 76 years old, gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Mary Wheatley to her husband George Wheatley by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland at Cleveland's own house; she believes they were married in the spring, she knows the weather was warm and she believes 2 years before the Declaration of Independence.]

[fn. 79]

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS: -- Personally appeared before me James Martin one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County, Sterling Rose² a resident of said County aged eighty-two years, and after being duly sworn according to law, saith upon his oath that he was well acquainted with the above applicant Mary Wheatley and her husband George Wheatley in the time of the revolutionary War, and as well as he recollects, said George Wheatley served a tour as a volunteer under Captain Jesse Walton across the Blue Ridge to New River after the Tories as his widow has stated; -- And further that he the said Rose and Wheatley volunteered into the service of the United States in March 1776, in Wilkes County under Captain Jesse Walton and was marched to Salisbury to learn the exercises from there they returned home making a term of not less than twenty days; they remained at home a short time and volunteered again under Captain Walton and was marched to the head of the Yadkin River against the Cherokee Indians and built Fort Isaacs, Colonel Isaacs commanded; the Fort was named after him, they were then marched home, making a tour of not less than two months. This was in the summer of 1776: -- He and the aforesaid Wheatley volunteered into the service again in August 1777, under Lieutenant William Gray and commanded by Major Hargroves and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and was marched to the Cherokee nation, had some fighting, killed some Indians and took some prisoners, the Main body fled, we were then marched back to Wilkes County making a term of not less than three months, he and said Wheatley served at that time: He and the said Wheatley volunteered into the service of the United States again in Wilkes County in February 1778 as well as he recollects, under Lieutenant William Gray & commanded by Major Jesse Walton and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and was marched to little River near Fayetteville NC; after the Scotch, from there they returned home making a tour of not less than 2 months at that time, -- Remained at home a short time and was then under the same officers marched to drowning Creek near South Carolina after the Tories, they fled to British, they was from there marched home making a term of not less than 3 months at that time. Shortly after this he believes in July 1778, he and Wheatley was called out again in Wilkes County under Captain Benjamin Herndon and Colonel Cleveland and was marched up the Yadkin to the Bent, then across the Brushy Mountain, and down Hunting Creek to the old trading Ford on the Yadkin River after the Tories, from there returned home making a term of not less than half a month at that time. -- He and said Wheatley volunteered again in the service in the last of August or first of September 1780 in Wilkes County, under Captain Benjamin Herndon, under the command of Major Hargroves and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, and was marched to King's Mountain against the British and Tories at the time of the battle in October 1780, and was a part of the guard, that guarded the prisoners from there to Salem North Carolina, from there they were relieved and returned home making a term of not less than 3 months at that time. --

² [Sterling Rose S4132](#)

He and said Wheatley volunteered again in February 1781 under Captain Benjamin Herndon and Colonel Cleveland and went after the British under Cornwallis, they marched to Salem NC, and down as low as the high rock Ford on the Haw River, from there returned home making a term of not less than three weeks at that time, the above service was in the militia of the United States, and making in all a term of not less than fourteen and a half months and 11 days, besides the tour to New River.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 29th day of October 1839
S/ James Martin, JP S/ Sterling Rose

[fn p. 113]

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: -- Personally appeared before me James Martin one of the acting Justices of said [County], William Spicer³ a resident of said County aged about ninety years, who being first duly sworn according to law: saith on his oath that in consequence of old age and the loss of memory he cannot recollect all the tours he and George Wheatley, the husband of Mary Wheatley the above applicant, served together in the Revolutionary War, but that he well recollects he and said Wheatley was volunteers in the service from Wilkes County North Carolina about the year 1777, they were commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, Major Hargroves, Major or Captain Jesse Walton, Lieutenant William Gray was also with them, they were marched to the Indian nation after the Cherokee Indians, there was some fighting; some Indians killed; some of the Americans was killed and some wounded; and after driving the Indians, they were marched back to Wilkes County making a term of not less than 3 months as privates in the Militia service of the United States; He also recollects that the aforesaid Wheatley was with him in the service several other times but cannot recollect the length they served at those times.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this first day of November 1839
S/ James Martin JP S/ William Spicer, X his mark

Also on this first day of November 1839, personally appeared before me James Martin one of the acting Justices of said County, John Sparks⁴ Esquire (aged eighty-six years) a resident of said County and made oath in due form of law, that he and George Wheatley, the above named served a tour together in the Revolutionary War, under Captain Benjamin Cleveland (afterwards Colonel) and Major Hargroves, Major Jesse Walton, Lieutenant William Gray and Colonel Martin Armstrong in the year 1776 or 1777, and was marched to the Indian nation after the Cherokee Indians, they had some fighting, killed some Indians, took some prisoners, some of the whites was killed and some wounded, they drove the Indians, and was then marched back to Wilkes County making a term of not less than 3 months in the Militia of the United States. He recollects they served other tours but cannot recollect so as to state them.

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S/ James Martin, JP S/ John Sparks

[fn p. 160: family record]

Sally Whitley [sic] a Daughter of George Wheatley was born the 12 of May 1775
Moses Wheatley son of George Wheatley was born March the 30th 1777
George Wheatley some of George Wheatley born June the 16th 1779

³ FPA S3962

⁴ FPA S7580

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[fn p. 221: on March 28, 1852 in Wilkes County North Carolina, George Wheatley and William Wheatley residence of said County filed an affidavit stating that they are the children and only surviving heirs of Mary Wheatley deceased who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of about \$30 per annum; that they believe she was entitled to a pension more than she was given.]

[fn p. 536]

State of Kentucky, Breathitt County

This 17th day of September 1839, Roger Turner⁵ who is about seventy-nine years old and personally known to me made oath before me a Justice of the peace that, he was acquainted with George Wheatley (who he is informed is dead and whose widow is now applying for a pension) for many years before the Revolutionary War: That early in the Revolutionary war this affiant and said Wheatley enlisted as volunteers in Wilkes County North Carolina for a six months tour under Captain Jesse Walton & Benjamin Cleveland Lieutenant from Wilkes County. We were marched to Salisbury where this affiant & said Wheatley continued twenty days learning the exercise, at which time we all returned home and was held in readiness to march anywhere, when called on: in a few days we were marched down to Cross Creek (now Fayette [sic, Fayetteville]) after the Scotch, and arrived there only a few days after the Battle, which was fought with the Scotch, in which battle several prisoners were taken by the Americans; this affiant & said Wheatley was then commanded to guard the prisoners in which service we were engaged some time in town or near it, we then started them on to Wilmington and on the way to Wilmington was relieved by the light horse; we were then admitted [sic, permitted] to return home and on the way was engaged in catching or trying to catch Tories, the Tories that were called were all sworn to not fight against the United States this service finished a six months tour -- The fall afterwards this affiant and the said Wheatley volunteered to go a three months tour against the Cherokee Indians under Major Jesse Walton & Captain Benjamin Cleveland who was the officers under whom this affiant volunteered, he does not know under what officers Wheatley volunteered, but after we had got together on that tour, we were all under the aforesaid officers, after marching into the wilderness this affiant took sick & was sent back, and said Wheatley well-known and served out his three months tour against the Indians -- some time after his return from the three months tour aforesaid he was marched under Colonel Cleveland to New River, and their said Wheatley & Miram Allen caught a Tory as he was called by the name of Zack Goss, who was hung next day, Wheatley & Allen were sent in front as spies by the Colonel -- this service continued about twenty days --

Some time afterwards we were marched to King's Mountain under said Colonel Cleveland, but did not arrive there in time to anticipate in the Battle, But met the prisoners about ten miles from the Battle ground, we then were commanded to guard the prisoners back to Salem, this service was a three months tour, Wheatley was in the same company all the tour --

This affiant was present at the marriage of said Wheatley and is now (widow) her maiden name was Mary Poor, they were married some years before the war, -- Benjamin Cleveland married said Wheatley and Mrs. Mary Wheatley the now applicant for a pension, whose name was Mary Poor as aforesaid, he knew them both well -- the marriage was in Surry (then called) Surry County North Carolina.

⁵ [Roger Turner S14737](#)

S/ Roger Turner, X his mark

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for the 8 months service by her husband in the revolution.]