

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wheeler¹ W9887 Elizabeth Wheeler f60VA
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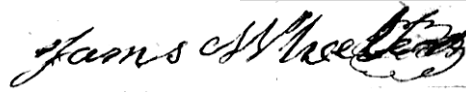
State of Indiana Gibson County } Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 28th of July in the year of our Lord 1818 Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared James Wheeler aged fifty nine years next March resident in the County of Gibson and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war; Say that he the said James Wheeler enlisted in the Service of the U. States in Buckingham County and State of Virginia in the month of January or February in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Patterson of the 6th Virginia Regiment; that he enlisted in said Regiment for the term of two years and that he continued in said Regiment till about the 25th of December 1777; at which time he enlisted in the light horse under Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee]; for three years and that he continued under the command of Colonel Lee in his Regiment for the said Term of three years, and at the end of his term he was told by Colonel Lee to continue and he would give him a discharge at any time he would request it; and that he did continue until after Wallace [Cornwallis] gave up [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]; and that he afterwards went to Richmond in Virginia and got a discharge from Major or Captain Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston] of the Light horse, making in all that he served about five years and eight or ten months. That he was in the following battles viz. Trenton in December 1776 and the second Battle of Trenton 14th of January in the year 1777 – and the Battle at Princeton on the following morning; he states also that while in the foot service he joined General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] rifle Corps in Jersey, and was with him in the Battle with Burgoyne above Albany and that he was in the second Battle at the same place about three weeks afterwards; and that after he had joined the light horse he was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]² in North Carolina, that he was in a number of small battles not worthy of mentioning and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power or proof of his Services.

S/ James Wheeler {Seal}

¹ p 12: Somehow by mistake, the certificate of marriage of James Wheeler to Mary Luther issued in the town of Rehoboth, Bristol County Massachusetts is filed in this veteran's file. I believe this belongs in the file FPA W19610.

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html



Sworn and subscribed to before me one of the Judge as aforesaid this 28th of July 1818

S/ Jesse Emmerson {Seal}

[Transcriber's Note: I did not find in this file a subsequent application containing the schedule of the veteran's property as required under the 1820 act.]

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State of Indiana Gibson County } SS: Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

On the 20th of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court at the Court-house in said County and State James Wheeler resident in the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy four years last March, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. – That he was placed on the pension roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier under the act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818 and received a certificate under the seal of the War office from the Secretary of War dated the 18th of February 1819, and he was afterwards struck from the same on account of his property (as he was informed) he served in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Patterson in the 6th Virginia Regiment (as he believes) commanded by Colonel Buckner [Mordecai Buckner] and Lieutenant Colonel Elliott [Thomas Elliott], he enlisted in the year 1776, and continued in the service of the United States from his first enlistment in different situations until Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] was taken, after which time he was discharged by Major Joseph Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston] at Richmond Virginia; he now resides in Gibson County State of Indiana and has resided there for the last twenty-three or four years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not now on the pension roll of any agency of any State, unless the Indiana agency, and whether there or not, he cannot now say.

S/ James Wheeler

[The application above was certified by the clerk of the Gibson County as having been taken from the records in his office. In other words, a certified copy of the original document in his office.]

[p 7: On September 9, 1843 in Gibson County Indiana, Elizabeth Wheeler, aged about 80 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Wheeler, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$100 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she has no record of her marriage nor a family record other than the births of her children which was lost or destroyed some 25 or 30 years before; that "she further declares that she assisted in providing the soldiers with clothing and food and satisfying their wants in various ways for which she never received nor did she expect to receive any compensation."; That she married the veteran to the best of her recollection in the year 1785 she thinks sometime in the summer about 4 years after the Battle at Guilford Courthouse; that the marriage took place in Buckingham County Virginia by license; that her husband died on July 2, 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: Certificate dated May 13, 1844, issued by the clerk of the Buckingham, Virginia court

stating that his office has a register of marriages in which is recorded on June 21st, 1786 the marriage of James Wheeler to Elizabeth Walch [could be Elizabeth Welch]³ having been joined in holy matrimony by the Reverend Rane Chastaine.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia cavalry. Veteran's widow was placed on the pension roll for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843. Veteran was initially placed on the pension roll of the United States to commence on July 28, 1818 at the rate of \$8 per month, but, as he says in his 1832 application, he was removed from this roll because he had too much property to qualify as 'indigent' under the 1820 pension act.]

Addendum to James Wheeler W9887

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 16 February 2023.

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

James Wheeler Soldier in the [Henry Lee's] Legions Dragoons having served the time for which he was enlisted with Zeal Honour & Bravery is intitled to this Honourable discharge

Given under my hand this 15th day of Sept'r. 1781. John Rudulph [VAS2156]

A Copy H. Randolph

Maj'r Legion

I hereby certify that the within James Wheeler enlisted himself a Soldier under Capt'n. Thos. Patterson [Thomas Patterson] in Feb'y. 1776 after Patterson died the s'd Wheeler came under my Command & served the Term of his enlistment which was Two years & in the month of Dec'r 77 enlisted himself with Colo. Lee in light Horse Service. Given under my hand this 16th day of Oct'r 1784.

Sam'l. Cabell Lt. Col [Samuel Jordan Cabell VAS753]

4th Virg'a. Reg't. & [undeciphered]

A Copy H. Randolph

