Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wisor (Wiser) S11843 fn18VA
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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powell one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of law and Equity held in and for the State of Tennessee the same being a court of Record George Wiser a resident of the United States in the County and State aforesaid aged 67 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 June the 7th 1832.

States that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he resided in the State of Virginia in the County of Frederick and in the spring of the year 1781 he was drafted to perform a three months Tower [tour] of Duty in the service of his Country and that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Stoneaker [?] and Lieutenant Harskill [possibly Peter Hiskill] and we were ordered to guard the prisoners which were in the Barrax [Barracks] at Winchester and to conduct them to Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania which we accordingly did and place them in the barracks there and after my term of service had expired I received my discharge from Captain Stoneaker which said discharge I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it.

And said applicant begs leave further to represent that he still resided in the County [of] Frederick and in a short time after he was discharged from the above campaign he was again drafted to perform one other tower of duty of three months and that he belonged to the company commanded by Captain George Bell and Henry Catlett was the Lieutenant and we marched directly to Yorktown in the State of Virginia in the company to which this applicant belonged was attached to the Regiment commanded by Major South Horn [?] where this applicant remained during the besiege [sic] and after the Surrender of the British Army by Cornwallis we were ordered to conduct the prisoners up to the Barracks at Winchester and after my time of Service had expired I received my discharge and returned home which said discharge he received from Captain Bell which he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce it. He states that he did serve in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War the term of six months. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living testimony by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State whatsoever.

Where and in what year was you borned. Answer I was borned in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1765. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. Answer I have no record of my age. Where were you living when you were called into Service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. Answer I lived in the

State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War when I was called in to service I lived a good many years after the war in the State of Virginia. I now live in the County of Claiborne in the State of Tennessee. How were you called into service. Answer I was drafted.

He states that he was acquainted with Washington, Lafayette and others he states that he received two discharges which he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce them.

Sworn to in open Court October 19, 1832 S/ George Wiser, X his mark [William Williams, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.] [James Hodges also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[On April 4th, 1842 in Laurel County Kentucky, the applicant filed for a transfer of his pension benefits to the Kentucky agency giving as his reason for moving to Kentucky that he has a daughter and son-in-law living in Laurel County Kentucky.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ I am not certain this is the signature of the veteran. It may be. It may also be simply the scribe's indication that the veteran signed the document, but in reality is the veteran's name written by the scribe.