Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wisecarver (Wiscarver) S22589 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Greene County Pennsylvania: SS

On the 17th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court George Wisecarver aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn did on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of 7 June 1832.

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

That he first entered the service of the United States in the state of Virginia Frederick County in September 1781 as a drafted militia man for a term of three months which he served out under Captain Jacob Cagby [or Cagley] or Kagby [or Kagley] that the service was performed in the State of Virginia that in the next spring in March 1782 he was drafted again for three months under Captain Henry Richards that they were sent to guard the Prisoners of War stationed near Winchester in Virginia at a place called the Round Hill. That he served out his tour of three months at that place under Colonel Lane who had command also General John White. That about two months after this there was a call for volunteers instead of a draft by Captain Harry Bayless [Henry Baylis?] that he turned out among others that they marched in a tour of three months that after some time they conducted the prisoners taken with Cornwallis to the Potomac River where they were met by troops from Maryland where they were discharged about two weeks before their term of three months expired. He was afterwards out for a few days at a time but the above are the only regular tours of service he performed under arms during the war making eight months and a half for which he claims a pension. That he has no written or documentary evidence does not know of any witness by whom he can now prove his services. He hereby relinquishes his every claim to any other pension or annuity whatsoever and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

In answer to the interrogatories required to be put by the court he answers as follows

1. That he was born in Frederick County in the State of Virginia on the 11th day of August 1756.

2. That he has his age on a paper copied from his father's Bible.

3. That he continued to reside in Frederick ^{where he first enlisted} County Maryland until about 34 years ago when he removed to Green County Pennsylvania where he now resides & has resided ever since

4. That he went out under Captains Jacob Cagby, Henry Richards & Harry Balis Colonel Lane, Colonel Hays [?] & General White

5. That he has no written discharge

6. That he went out as a drafted militia man 2 tours of 3 months and one as a volunteer & us served 2 1/2 months.

7. That he can prove his good character & his reputation as a revolutionary soldier by the

Reverend John Fordyce and Thomas Fletcher, Esquire

S/ George Wiscarver, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed in open Court September 17th 1833 S/ E. Hook, Prothy.

[The Reverend John Fordyce and Thomas Fletcher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 16: On March 16, 1838, the veteran filed a statement in Greene County Pennsylvania saying that he had moved to the state of Ohio to reside with his children but being unsuccessful in having his pension paid at that agency, he has returned to and is now again living in Greene County Pennsylvania.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.32 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 1/2 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]