

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaiah Welsh S7859

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State of Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting Isaiah Welsh a resident in the said County and State, aged 69 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 7th 1832.

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

That he was born in the County of Stafford Virginia in the year 1763 about the month of April as his mother has told him, and removed with his parents to Culpeper when a child, and has lived in Culpeper ever since.

That he first entered the service in the spring of 1781 and marched under Captain John Waugh attached to Colonel James Slaughter's Regiment and went to near Petersburg at a place called Black water – that whilst there Captain Waugh was ordered to go out and destroy a bridge across the River to prevent Tarleton's Troops from crossing to Petersburg – that he went with the Company upon that service and aided in destroying the Bridge – that after remaining some time at and about Petersburg, he with the Regiment marched up to Ground Squirrel Bridge and was discharged – that General Muhlenberg was there in command – this tour was two months.

That very soon after returning he was again drafted and marched towards Fredericksburg and was countermanded – that he thinks he was commanded by Captain Johnson, but does not recollect the officers – that this tour rated as a two months tour, but does not recollect how long they were gone.

That sometime in July of 1781 he again marched under Captain Bohannon [probably Ambrose Bohannon] in Colonel John Slaughter's Regiment, and went to Malbin Hills [Malvern Hills] where he was in General Stevens [Edward Stevens] Brigade – that from that place he with the troops were ordered to King William [County], and after remaining there about a week, went nearly to Williamsburg, and in that neighborhood was discharged with the Regiment.

That he can prove part of the above service by Zachariah Griffin who was with him: that the other tours he cannot prove that he knows of by any living witness.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and Open Court

S/ Isaiah Welsh, X his mark

I Zachariah Griffin¹ of the County of Culpeper, Virginia, hereby certify that I was with his Isaiah Welsh who subscribed the above declaration in the service which he mentions as being about Malvin Hills, and know that he performed that service. I have talked much with him lately and for many years, and have no doubt of his having been in all the service which he states. Is generally believed in the neighborhood that he was in the service; and I believe him to be about 70 or as he says 69 years of age.

S/ Z. Griffin



I John Brown² resident of Culpeper County Virginia hereby certify that I was in the service in the revolution under Colonel James Slaughter in Captain Pollard's company in the tour mentioned by Isaiah Welsh, who subscribed to the above declaration, and although I do not recollect said Welsh, I do well remember that Captain Waugh commanded a company in Slaughter's Regiment, and I recollect too that Waugh's company was sent to destroy the bridge as stated in the declaration and from other conversation had with said Welch high cannot doubt of his having been in this said Tour.

S/ John Brown, X his mark

[John Covington gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath, and in which he answered as is hereinafter recorded viz.

Ques. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born in the County of Stafford in April 1763.

Ques. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have none – I learned the date of my birth from my parents.

Ques. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. I lived in Culpeper County Virginia during all the revolution and now live in the same County.

Ques. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. I'll was drafted in every instance.

Ques. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. I name some officers in my declaration, such as Stevens, Muhlenberg – I have seen Washington and Lafayette I mentioned the circumstances of my service in my declaration.

Ques. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. I never did – the Regiment was all discharged together.

Ques. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. I refer to John Covington Esquire Captain Z. Griffin and John Brown who certify –

¹ FPA W7585

² [John Brown S6735](#)

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On this 16th day of April 1833 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Isaiah Welsh who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that in making his declaration for a pension which was done on 22nd August 1832, he had correctly stated his first tour to wit the one commencing April 1781 as a two months tour though it continued some days longer – That the next tour to wit one in Fredericksburg when he was countermanded, was then rated as a two months tour and he supposes he was entitled to pay for two months; but that to the best of his recollection it was at least one month they being held together sometime before and after. That he cannot recollect exactly the date of this tour as to a day but remembers that it was between April the time of his first tour and the second – That the third tour was for three months at least, that it was protracted on account of the difficulties of the time, being not a great while before the siege of York commenced when Virginia was full of enemies in every quarter – That his whole service was full six months.

Given under my hand this 16th April 1832

S/ R. Moore

[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.]