

19533
West Service

Thomas Welch
of White Co in the State of Tennessee
who was a private in the com. commands
by Captain Morrison of the reg. commanded
by Genl M. Bowles in the N.C.
line for 15 months

Inscribed on the Roll of West Service
at the rate of 50 Dollars — Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20 day of Sept
1833 - and Nelson &
Anderson Sparta

Arrears to the 1st of Sep	125.00
Semi-ant. allowance ending 1st Mar	25.00
	<hr/> 150.00 <hr/>

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Dan Boyd Clerk
Book E Vol. 7 Page 101

26. 6. 57

Thomas White
Temper

from 1776 for 15 months.

\$50

Wm. Nelson
Shanter.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Thomas Welch

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
drafted Augt. 1776	6			Pt.	Cap. Morrison Col. M. Dowell	84 N. C.	Traditions
drafted 1777	3			Pt.	Cap. M. Dowell		
vol "	3			"	" "		
vol "	3			"	" "		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:

This law has been construed to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and to include under the terms "Continental Line," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons enlisted, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c., Teamsters, Boatmen, &c. Persons who served on board of private armed vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval Service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will, in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered a Court of Record.

DECLARATION,

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.
County of }
On this day of personally appeared (a) before
A. B. a resident (b) of in the county of and State, Territory or District
of aged (c) 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed
June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d) , with and
served in the (e) regiment of the line, under the following named officers:

[Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers; the time he left the service; (and if he served under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and names of his officers;) the town or county and state in which he resided when he entered the service; the battles, if any, in which he was engaged, and the country through which he marched. (This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.)]

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of .
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. B.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I, of the Court of do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this
day of &c.

If, on examination of the proper record, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia, except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in the and C. D. residing in (the same) , who has hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with , who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the days and year aforesaid.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman, resident in the and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Clerk of the Court of do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
of office, this day of &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commission; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light upon the transaction.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration, (l) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his

alleged service, as they are known at the Department. A very full account of the services of each person will be indispensable to a favorable action upon his case. The facts stated will afford one of the principal means of corroborating the declaration of the applicant, if true, or of detecting the imposition, if one be attempted; and unless, therefore, these are amply and clearly set forth, no favorable decision can be expected. All applicants will appear before some Court of Record in the County in which they reside, and there subscribe and be sworn to, one of the declarations above provided, according to the nature of his case.

The Court will propound the following (m) interrogatories to all applicants for a pension, on account of service in the Militia, State troops, or Volunteers, except the Militia of New Hampshire and the State troops of Virginia.

1. Where and in what year were you born?
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.
6.

{	To a Soldier.	}	Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
{	To an Officer.	}	Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?
7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The Court will see that the answers to these questions are embodied in the declaration, and they are requested to annex their opinions of the truth of the statement of the applicant.

The applicant will further produce in Court, if the same can be done, in the opinion of the Court, without too much expense and inconvenience to him, two respectable persons—one of whom should be the nearest clergyman, if one lives in the immediate vicinity of such applicant, who can testify, from their acquaintance with him, that they believe he is of the age he represents, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary soldier, and that they concur in that opinion. If one of these persons is a Clergyman, the Court will so certify, and they will also certify to the character and standing of other persons giving such certificates.

The traditional evidence of service is deemed very important, in the absence of any direct proof, except the declaration of the party. And the Courts are requested to be very particular in the inquiry whether the belief is general, and whether any doubts have ever existed upon the subject.

Applicants unable to appear in Court, by reason of bodily infirmity, may make the declaration before required, and submit to the examination, before a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record of the proper county, and the Judge or Justice will execute the duties, which the Court is herein requested to perform, and will also certify that the applicant cannot, from bodily infirmity, attend the Court.

Whenever any official act is required to be done by a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or by a Justice of the Peace, the certificate of the Secretary of State or Territory, or of the proper Clerk of the Court or County, under his seal of office, will be annexed, stating that such person is a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or a Justice of the Peace, and that the signature annexed is his genuine signature.

No payments can be made on account of the services of any person, who may have died before the taking effect of the act of June 7, 1832; and in case of death subsequent thereto, and before the declaration herein required is made, the parties interested will transmit such evidence as they can procure, taken and authenticated before a Court of Record, showing the services of the deceased, the period of his death, the opinion of the neighborhood respecting such services, the title of the claimant, and the opinion of the Court upon the whole matter.

[a] The declarant must appear in open Court, unless prevented from doing so by reason of bodily infirmity; in which case the declarant will follow the rule laid down for his guidance.

[b] The declarant must make his declaration in the county where he resides. If he should fail to do so, he must assign a sufficient reason for not conforming to the rule.

[c] The age of the claimant must invariably be mentioned.

[d] The declarant must mention the period or periods of the war when he served.

[e] Every continental officer or soldier must give the name of the Colonel under whom he served; otherwise a satisfactory examination of the claim cannot be had. Every claimant must state, with precision, the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the Department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposed and said, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:—For _____ year _____ months, and _____ days, I served as a _____; for _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important, in all cases, to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about four months*, is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state that they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the years, the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must, in every case, be clearly shown under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

[f] The law makes the relinquishment indispensable.

[g] The opinion of the Court is always required.

[h] The Clerk must give his certificate in every case.

[i] The Clerk must fix his seal, and if it has no device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal, or if he has no public seal of office, the certificate of a Member of Congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other papers authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

Proof of Service.

[j] In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimant's entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

[k] The notes from [a] to [i] are all equally applicable to the cases of Militia men, Volunteers and State Troops. The proof required by rule in note [j] applies to continental troops only.

[l] This traditional evidence is indispensable in militia cases.

[m] If a witness cannot be found, the declarant must state the fact.

[n] The answers to the interrogatories must all be written, and sent to the War Department, with the declaration.

State of Tennessee
White County

On this 8th day of July A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Thomas Welch a Resident Citizen of White County and State of Tennessee, aged Eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth in 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. He entered the service in the latter part of the summer of the year 1776 about the 21st of August as well as this declarant now recollects, under Captain James Morrison, his lieutenant's name was David Robinson. his Col's name was Charles McElowel. He then resided in Lincoln County North Carolina and was drafted for six months. He was marched to head quarters, at a place called Pleasant Garden at the head of the Catawby River in Burk County North Carolina under the command of Captain Archibald Herman (or Fleming). Here he was placed in the company commanded by Captain James Morrison. His Major's name was Richard Singleton. The object of this expedition was to go against the Cherokee Indians who had become remarkably troublesome. He remained at Pleasant Garden something like two days untill all the troops had collected there, provisions provided &c. The troops twenty two hundred in number were then marched into the Cherokee Nation, west of the Blue Ridge passing through and destroying their towns, crops &c. They were marched as far as the Over Hills towns which we also destroyed by fire. They then marched back to Cowee town where a number of the troops had been left with the Magazine & provisions. The whole of the troops were then marched back to Pleasant Garden. This declarant with others were then stationed at Cather's fort about one mile from Pleasant Garden untill his six months expired. When he was dismissed or discharged. Col. Charles McElowel during this tour of service resigned his office

as Colonel and was promoted to the office of General
after this promotion Generals McHowel and Rutherford
were with the troops - Declarant after being discharged
as already stated, returned home to his family which consists
of a wife and one child in Lincoln County -
He remained with his family a short time, when he was again
drafted for three months. This declarant then returned
to Catherys Fort and was placed under Captain Joseph
McHowel, cousin of Col. Joseph McHowel - This declarant
was here again stationed & served out his three months
there and was again discharged - Declarants lieutenant
named was John Davison - General McHowel was
with the troops, he does not recollect to have seen Gen
Rutherford during this tour - After being discharged
he again returned home - He remained at home this time
something like five or six weeks when he volunteered
for three months under Captain Joseph McHowel
again - His lieutenant again was John Davison - He
was again stationed at Catherys fort where he continued
for three months the time for which he had volun-
-tered - General McHowel was again principal Com-
-mander of the troops - Joseph McHowel his Captains
cousin was his Colonel - He was again discharged &
returned home to see his family - He again in a short
time thereafter volunteered for three months and
went up to fort Catherys when he was sent among
others by Gen. McHowel out on a scouting party -
John Davison above spoken of being well acquainted
with the country was sent with them as commander
and pilot of the party - They continued on this
scouting expedition, passing the woods some fifteen
twenty and far as thirty miles from the fort
occasionally in the mean time returning to the fort
for the purpose of imparting their discoveries, & reneu-
-ing their provisions - He served out his three
months and was discharged at the fort and
returned home not having been in any battle
during either of his engagements, nor any thing
remarkable having occurred. Thus terminated
the principal part of his services rendered his
Country & Having served in all fifteen months -

State of Tennessee
White County

We Thomas Bounds & William Matlock

Residing in the County of White do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Welch who has subscribed and sworn to a bond declaration that we believe him to be ^{four} Eighty years of age that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion

Sworn to and subscribed
in open Court 8 July 1833

Wm. Bounds

William Matlock

Jacob A. Hand Clerk by
J. A. Wickham DC

J. A. Wickham

John B. DeLoater

Thomas Welch

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories proposed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and lived as he states and the Court further certify that Thomas Bounds & William Matlock who have signed the preceding Certificate are decent Citizens of White County and are Creditable persons and that their statements is entitled to Credit

J. M. Dearing Seal

Wm. Beuster Seal

Seal - J. M. Dearing Seal

February 26, 1927

Bertha Sweatt
Knox City
Texas

Madam:

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 1733, it appears that THOMAS WELCH was born in 1749 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

While a resident of Lincoln County, North Carolina, he enlisted and served as a private in the North Carolina troops as follows:

From August 21, 1776, six months in Captain James Morrison's Company in Colonel Charles McDowell's Regiment; he aided in burning the Cherokee Indian towns.

Soon afterward he served three months in Captain Joseph McDowell's Company.

Five or six weeks later he enlisted and served three months in Captain Joseph McDowell's Company in Colonel Joseph McDowell's Regiment.

Soon afterward he enlisted and served three months under Lieutenant John Davison.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 8, 1833, at which time he was a resident of White County, Tennessee.

In 1777 he had a wife and one child but their names are not stated. The name of his father is not stated.

This is the only Thomas Welch of North Carolina that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

The War of 1812 records of this bureau fail to afford any information in regard to a claim for pension having been made on account of the service of a Thomas Welch of North Carolina or Tennessee.

For information relative to the early history of North Carolina it is suggested that you address the Historical Commission at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT
Commissioner

Sparta Tennessee
July 17. 1833.

J. L. Edwards Esq.

Dear Sir.

Contrary to all expectation we have to
trouble you with four more pension Claims.
New Cases. Thomas Shockley - Thomas Welch -
John Medley - and Joseph Cummings.

They will of course be attended to when
it comes to their turn.

With Great Respect
your obt. Servt.

Nelson Anderson

2h. 657.

Thomas Welch

State of Tennessee July 16th 1833

White County

I Jacob Shaw clerk of the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of White aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in the matter of the application of Thomas Uebel for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court the 16th day of July A. D. 1833 P. of the Independence of the United States the fifty Eighth

Jacob Shaw Clerk of
White County Court
By J. A. Cochran D. C.

July 29
part 333
18th July

free

J. L. Edwards Esq.
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington City
D.C.

Rem

No. 657
658
659
660



MAR 22 1911

Mar. 24, 1911 -

Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to obtain from the records of Revolutionary Pensioners in your Dept. whatever data there is concerning Thomas Welch, a resident of White Co. Tenn. at the time he was placed on the Pension Roll in 1833, (enlisted in North Carolina). His name also appears in the Census of Pensioners of 1840 p. 158.

As very few records of any sort for this period can now be found, ^{in the South} a very complete statement of what records concerning this man you may have, (whether military or family) would be greatly appreciated.

Respy

George S. Stewart
#46 Floral St.
Newton Hlds. Mass.

Knox city Texas

Jan 4 1926

Mr. O. W. Morgan

My great grand father Thomas
Welch was in the war of
1812 I supposed he enlisted
in N.C. he was there in 1790
and was a resident of
Salisbury district Rowan Co N.C.
in 1790 served as private
in the N.C. line amt of pension
50⁰⁰ per year, hence he
~~was~~ was a resident
of District #11 white Co central
Tennessee. Now can you
tell me when he enlisted
and when he was discharge
and do you know I can get
any information from N.C.

is there any place I can
write and get anything
there in NC. and does
soldier give their father
names and address when
they enlisted in war
if you know what I have
asked will you please
send it to me I am
try to find out where
he was born and what
his father names is

hope to hear soon
have you any Booklet
on the early settlement
of NC if not can you tell
me where I can get them

Your truly
Bertha Sweatt
1208 City Tex

Record Division
S.S. C
Sur file 1733
Revolutionary War 1775-1783
ans. by before
M.C. D. & direct
letters letter
month

San Antonio Texas

Feb 11 1927

the Treasury Department
office of the
auditor for interior Dept
I am writing to you for some
information I give you
the names of parties Thomas
Welch enlisted in the war
of 1776 he enlisted Aug 21 -
1776 in Lincoln Co. Ne
now case th his enlistment
Thomas Welch give his father
& mother give his father's
names and where they live
Thomas Welch was somewhere

2

27 years he was Born in
Lancaster Co Pa
~~it should~~ his enlisted
should show who son
and where his father &
mother lived at the time
he enlisted hope to hear
from you soon

Yours truly
Bertha Sweatt
Knox City Tex



Knox City Texas
Nov 25 1927
United States
Department of the interior
Bureau

Dear Sir

I want to know if you
can give me a copy of
a Thomas Welch that was
in the Revolutionary war
Thomas Welch enlisted in
1775 in Capt James Ross
company of Riflemen
raised in Lancaster Co. Pa.
- Revolution (Vol 1 page 32)
(Vol 1 page 334) now if
his war record give where
his Birth place and who

his father are was he a
marry man and did he
drow a pensions and
I know thire is some kind
of a record of this thomas
welch and you are the
only man that can give
me the information I want
and tell how if he was a
marry man or a single
man and where he was
Born at I hope you can
tell me I dont know
what co he did this thomas
welch was in the war of 1775
was raised in Lancaster Pa
then in camp at Cambridge Mass
Aug 18 1775; Bertha Sweatt

now I want a war record
of this Richard Welsh
who served in the
Revolutionary war from
Washington County Pa
of 1775 when he enlisted
and where he was Born
and was he a marry man
You can ans all of these
two letters in one
and give details of all of
those welch war record
out of Lancaster Co Pa
and Richard welch of
Washington Co Pa
Yours truly
Miss Bertha Sweatt

Knot city Texas
Sep 16 1927

I am seeking some
information about one
Dail Thomas Welch
of Revolutionary War

can you give me a list of
this Thomas Welch enlisted
in 1775 in Capt James Rose
company of Riflemen
raised in Lancaster
County Pa

See Pa in the Revolution
Vol. 1 p 38) re-enlisted
May 11776 some company
1st Pa Continental Regt.
Capt John Holliday

Succeeded, Capt Ross
Sept 25-1776 (Vol 1 p 334)
Now if you can give
me any light on this
the Thomas Welch I am
try to find. My Thomas
Welch was Born in
Ganchester Co Pa I am
try to find this Thomas
Welch father gives names
the Thomas Welch was Born
in Ganchester Co Pa 1749
hope you can give me
some light on this
Thomas Welch that was in
Ganchester Co Pa in 1775 et.
hope to hear from you soon