

Kentucky 1958

Littlebury Wells

Subject in the State of Kentucky
who was a private in the Army commanded
by Captain Pence of the 25th commanded
by Col. Gault in the War
for 14 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of 40 Dollars 66 Cents per annum,
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 9 day of Aug
1832 and Dec 10 1832
D. Thomas M. Smith

Arrears to the 1st of March 1833
Semi-ann. allowance ending Sept 1 1833
\$11665

Revolutionary Claim, 7
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by *San W. Smith* Clerk,
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State of Kentucky
Henry County, sct. 3

On this 7th day of January 1833
personally appeared in open court, before the Justices
of the county of Henry now holding court for said
county (it being a court of record. Sittlberry
Wells - a resident of the county of Henry and of
the state of Kentucky - aged seventy years on the
3rd day of April last past 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
manner officers and served as herein stated -

That he and his father Michael Wells, he belonged
to the same company of Matatoes in the county of
Letcher, in the state of Virginia - who he
rejoined when he entered the service of the United
States - and that the members of the company were
numbered - & a certain number of the company
were bound to go into the service when ever called
on - & that they were called on by rotation - &
that when so called upon, they were bound to
remain with the army until they were discharged,
as they were not called upon & did not enter
the service for any specified time - that he
served seven tours, in the Virginia Militia, as
a private, that he served four of the tours
by virtue of the call made upon him as above
stated, & that he served the other three tours, by
substitution & in the room of his father Michael
Wells, who was called upon & selected as above stated.

First Tour That he entered the service in the month
of September in the year 1778 - as private the
Virginia militia - in the manner as above stated - that he
joined the army at Petersburg in Virginia - under Capt.

Thomas Gaudin, Lieutenant Ezekeel Danco - and
that Robert Gaudin was Col. of the regiment - of the
regular officers he recollects, Genl. Mays and a captain
Thos. Pridde - from Petersburg, one marched to Chesterfield
Court House - from there to Fall creek Church - then crossed James
river & went to Richmond - & crossed the river & went to
Manassas where he was discharged verbally by Col. Gaudin in
November 1778 - in this town he served two months - & a few
days (but claims only for the two months -

3rd Nov - That in March 1779 his father Michael
Wells, was called upon as above stated - and
that this applicant substituted himself in the rooms of his
father - & that he joined the army at Dumfries Court
House in Virginia in March 1778 - that he entered the
service under Capt. Ezekeel Danco (the same person
who was Lieutenant in the first Town) Lieutenant Williams
Threat - Grand Quartermaster was Col. of the Regiment - that he
entered service as a private in the Virginia (the latter
side does not recollect the names of the regular officers)
from Dumfries our company marched to Petersburg
from there across the upper matter river to James River &
down James river to Lewis fort just before which time
the fort had been attacked by the British and that
his company was ordered then to assist in the defence -
that he remained there until May 1779 & was then verbally
discharged by Capt. Wells who had the command of the fort -
in this town he served two months -

3rd Nov - In September 1779 he was again called
upon as a private & entered the service as a private
& served in the Virginia militia - & joined the army
in Sept. 1779 at Petersburg & entered the service under
Capt. Finco Lieutenant Williams Cheatham - & William
was Col. of the Regiment - in this town he recollects
among the regular officers a Major Boyd - from
Petersburg one marched to Norfolk - Virginia & remained there
until November - when he was discharged - this was in 1779 - that
he was discharged by Capt. Danco - in this town he served
two months & some days but only claims for two months -

4th Nov - That in February 1780 his father Michael
Wells, was again called upon as above stated

and that this applicant again substituted himself in his room - and that he entered the service under the same Captain Dances & Lieutenant Cheekins - Plaskins was the Col. of the Regiment - He does not recollect the name of any of the regular officers - that he joined the army at Manchester - Virginia - at this time the Porters was on the opposite side of the river about some houses in Richmond - from Manchester he went to Petersburg where he was verbally discharged by Capt. Dances in April 1780. In this town he served two months & changed his claim only for two months -

5th Town That in October 1780, he again entered the service, being called upon as a private - that he entered with Capt. Dances & Lieutenant Cheekins - Col. Peter Taylor - that he does not recollect the name of any of the regular officers - ~~that he joined the army at Petersburg~~ except Gen. Maysan - that he joined the army at Petersburg, from whence we marched to Coburn Point - then to Norfolk & returned to Coburn Point in December 1780 - where he was then verbally discharged by Lieutenant Cheekins - then Captain that he served two months in this town -

6th Town That in April 1781, his further Medical Wells was again called upon as above stated - & that this applicant again substituted himself in the room of his partner - that he entered the service in April 1781 under Capt. Henry Archer, Lieutenant Richard Gull - & Col. Gaudin - & served as a private in the Virginia militia - He does not recollect any of the names of the regular officers - that he & his company joined the army at Petersburg - then marched to Williamsburg from that place York - then we returned to Petersburg where he was verbally discharged by Capt. Archer in

June 1781

7th Town That in August 1781, he was again called upon in the manner aforesaid & entered the service in August 1781 under Capt. Thomas Gaudin, does not recollect who was the lieutenant - Plaskins was

Col. of the regiment. That he joined the army at Potomac
from thence he marched to Williamsburg & from thence to Little
Rock - that he was at the siege & surrender of
Coramwallis - in October. Gen. Washington Lafayette
& Lincoln were among the regular officers - That
after the siege, he went as one of the guard of the
prisoners as far as Dawson's Creek and was
then taken sick & then discharged in the first of
November 1781 - he was discharged in receipt of
a regular officer whose name he has forgotten
& that he has long since lost his discharge - in
this town he served some days more than two
months & a half but claims for two months
& a half only.

He states that from all age & consequent loss of
memory he can swear as to the precise length of
his service - but from the best of his recollections
& he well remembers - that he did not send less
than four teen months - in the seven towns -
above mentioned above - & always as a private
in the Virginia militia - for which service he
claims a pension -

He states that he was born on the 3rd day of April
1762 in the county of Dumfries & State of Virginia
- and that he resided in Chesapeake county State
of Virginia at each of the periods at which he
entered the service. In 1796 he removed to the
State of Kentucky - where he has resided ever since
& for the last 30 years, where he now lives in Henry
County. That his father kept a record of his age which
showed that he was born 3rd April 1762. but that he
has not seen it since he left Virginia - That he
has now no recollection of his age - That he is known
in his present neighbourhood to James Pothorn
& Edmund Moody who can testify as to his character

In veracity and their belief of his services as a
soldier of the revolution - that he has no documents
or any evidence of his service - & that he knows of
no person, whose testimony he can procure, who
can testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension
& a gratuity except the present & declares that his
name is not on the Pension Roll of the
any of any State - Sworn to & subscribed this
day & year aforesaid

Littlebury Wells

We Abraham Bohannon a clergyman residing in the
county of Henry State of Kentucky and Blanky
Moody residing in the same place - hereby certify
that we are well acquainted with the above
named Littlebury Wells who has subscribed and
sworn to the above declaration - that we believe
him to be seventy years old - that he is reported
& believed in the neighborhood where he resides
to have been a soldier of the revolution and
that we concur in that opinion - Sworn to
& subscribed this day & year aforesaid

Abraham Bohannon
Blanky Moody

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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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, showing the Service of *Siddley Will Henry Co. Kentucky*

Period when the service was rendered	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and ago at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
1778 Sept	2			Private	Sgt. Grimes	Col. Grimes	None	Virginia	Age 77	Traditions
Subst 1778 March	2			"	" Vance	" Hasten	None	"	Charleston County	"
Sept	2			"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Subst 1780 Feb	2			"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oct	2			"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Subst 1781 Aug	Discharged June			"	" Archer	" Grimes	Slip of	"	"	"
" 1 Aug	2	15		"	" Grimes	" Hasten	Slip of	"	"	"
Served in all 14 Months										

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.