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John Wade

born 16 in the State of Kentucky  
who was a private in the company command  
by Captain Reed of the 1st Regt  
of the 1st Div in the 1st  
for 2 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of \$8.00 Dollars per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 16 day of Sept  
1833, and Gentl's name  
Lacey Burton

Arrears to the 1st of March 1833 \$160.00  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 1st Sept 40.00  
\$200.00

{ Revolutionary Claims }  
{ Act June 7, 1832 }

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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 show what is necessary to be done. These 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 John Wade Owen in A

| 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 age at the present period. | Evidence by which the regularity is supported. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Years.                              | Months. | Days. |                       |                                                              |                                                   |                                             |                                   |                                                                            |                                                |
| Dec. 1795                             | 3                                   |         |       | pr                    | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                | Study the rule                                 |
| Jan. 1796                             | 1                                   |         |       | "                     | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                |                                                |
| March 1797                            | 3                                   |         |       | "                     | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                |                                                |
| Oct. 1797                             | 3                                   |         |       | "                     | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                |                                                |
| May 1798                              | 3                                   |         |       | "                     | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                |                                                |
| Nov. 1798                             | 3                                   |         |       | "                     | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                |                                                |
| Jan. 1799                             | 1                                   |         |       | "                     | Capt. Wade                                                   | C. H. H. H. H.                                    | none                                        | va                                | P. H. H. H.                                                                |                                                |

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Kentucky }  
County of Owen } ss.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 persons appeared in open court before the justice of the Owen county Court ~~John H. H. H.~~ now sitting John H. H. H. a resident of the said County of Owen and State of Kentucky aged 19 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated that he mustered into the service of the United States in the month of December 1770 as a private volunteer soldier upon a term of three months in the company of Capt. Reed - that he resides now at the homelodge in Prince Edward County Virginia of which county I was at that time a resident and was marched from thence to Norfolk in Virginia shortly before he reached Norfolk the battle of the great bridge was fought and soon after he reached that place the British landed from their vessels and set fire to a part of the town and burnt down some of the houses and the army burnt down the balance and left the place - he states that the British were under Lord Dunmore who was the former governor of Virginia - He states that when he reached Norfolk he fell under the command of Col. Woodford and that he continued on the coast till the expiration of his said term and was then discharged and returned to his home in Prince Edward County Virginia.

He further states and declares that in the month of June 1770 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a term of six months in the company



ing of Capt William Alexander that he again re-  
engaged at the courthouse in Prince Edward  
County and was marched from thence to Rich-  
mond Virginia from thence to Williamsburg where  
he was under the command of Col Mattheus  
and General Nelson at which place and its  
neighbourhood, he remained for some time and  
from thence about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept he was marched  
to the State of New ~~York~~ <sup>Jersey</sup> and joined the army un-  
der the command of General Washington near the  
city of New York. Soon after he joined Washington  
the British Army under Lord Howe landed at  
a place called Progs Neck - the American Army  
retreated and most of the people in the country  
were evacuated and at the white plains a battle  
was fought, in which this declarant was personally  
engaged under General McDougal - He states that the  
Army continued retreating slowly and the British  
pursuing till it entered New Jersey and it was  
forced to pass through that state and crossed the  
Delaware at Trenton - He states that a great deal  
of skirmishing took place during these movements  
and the sufferings of the American Army was very  
great and the soldiers were much disheartened - He  
states that he was one of the men that was sent up  
the river to get possession of the boats and thereby  
prevent the British from crossing the river - He states  
that soon after this service was performed his term  
of service expired and he was discharged by his  
officers and returned home to Prince Edward  
County Virginia.

He further states and declares that in the month  
of March 1777 he again enlisted into the service  
of the United States as a drafted <sup>or private soldier</sup> Militia man, for  
a term of three months in the company of Capt Fry  
of which company James Bishop was Lieutenant -  
that he served with his said company at

the house of Capt. Fry in Prince Edward county Virginia and ~~that~~ ~~he~~ that he marched from thence to the Courthouse in Prince George county Va. from thence he was marched to Richmond Va. and from thence to Little York. He states that he was in this tour under the command of Col. Griffith and General Nelson. He states that he was kept on the coast moving from one point to another assisting in protecting the inhabitants from the incursions of the British till the expiration of his said term of service where he was discharged and returned to his home in Prince Edward County.

He further states and declares that a short time after his return from his tour as above named there was great apprehension created by the appearance of a large number of British vessels in the bay and this declarant again became a volunteer upon a three months tour and mustered into the service in the month of August 1777 as well as he now remembers <sup>as a private soldier</sup> in the company of Capt. John Phillips that he rendezvoused with his said company at the courthouse in Prince Edward county and he was marched from thence direct to Richmond at which place there was then a good many soldiers that he was there placed under the command of Col. Jack Miller who lived in Richmond. That from Richmond he was marched to the bay coast to assist in repelling any attempt which the British might make upon the country - that the principal part of the vessels continued up the bay and as this declarant afterwards understood landed a large army at Elk river but the balance of the vessels remained and done a good deal of injury along the coast without being much hurt themselves.



giving for when a party of them would land they would frequently effect their object and return to their vessels before any force could be brought to bear against them. He states that he continued in the service till the expiration of his said term of duty and was discharged at Hellenburg and returned home to Prince Edward county.

He further states and declares that in the month of May 1779 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private militia soldier upon a term of three months in the Company of Capt. Ray and was stationed with his said Company at the Court House in Prince Edward County Va.

From thence was marched to a place called Cobham on James River where he remained a short time - that there was at that time as he understood a British Army under the command of General Blatney at Portsmouth which had done a great deal of injury at Portsmouth at Suffolk and at Norfolk and at other places. He states that the British did not remain long but left the country about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and that soon afterwards he was marched to Portsmouth that upon this time he was under the command of Col. White that he was kept on the coast till the expiration of his term and he was then discharged and returned to his home in Prince Edward County Va.

He further states and declares that in the month of October 1780 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private militia soldier in the command of Capt. Ray upon a term of three months and was stationed at the Court House in Prince Edward County that he was marched from thence to Richmond at which place he was placed under the command of Col. Clarke - that

a British army under the command of General  
Ligonier as he understood had landed near the mouth  
of James river and had taken possession of Portsmouth  
and conveyed other places on that side of James river  
- that the militia of the country to a considerable number  
- but embodied for the purpose of checking and up-  
- holding the British - that there was some regular troops  
stationed at Richmond - that General Sturges took the  
command of the troops that were collecting - that the  
British remained for sometime at Portsmouth and  
they declared remained in the service at Richmond  
till his term of service expired and he was discharged.

He further states and declares that immediately  
upon his discharge as above mentioned to wit in  
the month of January 1781 as well as he remembers  
he again enlisted into the service of the United States  
as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt.

Nathan Harper upon a tour of six months - that  
he was under the command of Major Strongland and  
Col. Mattingly that he did not leave Richmond upon  
his discharge from his last tour - that soon after he  
they again entered the service a large British force  
invaded the country under General Arnold who had  
been in the American Army but had turned traitor  
and joined the British - that he was one of a detach-  
ment sent by General Sturges to remove and secure  
some stores which had been collected at Petersburg  
that in the mean time the British army marched to  
Richmond and destroyed a quantity of stores that had  
been collected at that place that they done much dam-  
-age to public and private property - that they went  
from Richmond down to Portsmouth and the main  
body of the American forces followed on an account  
which was they declared and were stationed thro-  
-ugh the country near Portsmouth so as to surprise the  
British to the town as much as possible and pro-  
-tect the country from their incursions. He states that  
after remaining in the neighbourhood of that place



for sometime he was marched again to Richmond  
- That another British Army under General Phillips in-  
vaded the State and as they marched through the coun-  
try made great havoc amongst the public and pri-  
vate property - about this time General La Fayette arrived  
at Richmond and took the command of the troops  
- He states that after La Fayette took the command  
he they declared they attached amongst others to remove  
the army from Richmond up the country which duty  
they performed and deposited the greater part of them  
at Schenck's old Court house - That he again joined  
the army on the Pamunkey river and they then fol-  
lowed the British army down the country towards  
Williamsburg - He states that he continued with the  
Army till the expiration of his term and was discharged  
at Richmond and returned home.

This declarant states that from his great age he  
finds that his memory has greatly faded him particu-  
larly in respect to the names of officers and the minute  
circumstances of his service but from his best recollection  
he found at the time in the manner and for the  
periods above set forth he is confident that he did  
not serve less than 18 months as a volunteer and  
nine months as a militia man. He states that he  
has no documentary evidence of his service and that  
he ~~knows~~ knows of but one individual who knows any-  
thing about his service whose testimony he can procure  
and that individual lives in the County of Grant in  
Va. and is named Joseph Price.

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

Given to and subscribed the day and year above

John Wade

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by  
the Court.

1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Prince Edward County Virginia on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1753 according to my register.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have a record of my age at home in my bible.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in the County of Prince Edward Virginia when I entered the service upon each one of my tours after the war was over I so continued to live in the same county till the year 1790 and then moved to Pendleton County in the same State where I remained till 1805 and then moved to Fayette County Kentucky and from thence moved to where I now live in Owen County in the year 1820 and have continued to live at the same place ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer Upon four of my tours I was a volunteer and upon the other three I was a drafted militia man. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 service.

Answer In the first tour which I performed I was marched to Norfolk and do not recollect of seeing any other any other but during that tour but Col. Woodford who I believe was a regular officer. I recollect Major Bray of the militia was amongst the troops part of the time. In this time Norfolk was burnt and my services were confined to the coast in guarding it - during the second tour I performed I recollect to have been similarly Washington Lee Mercer Greene and Colonel Smallwood Morgan Butler Ennis & Poy who I believe were regular officers. He recollects also only



~~Henry~~ Henry and Nelson and Col. Matting & Parker  
and Genl McDougal who I believe were militia officers  
upon this tour which way for six months I was  
first marched ~~on the way~~ to Richmond and then  
to Williamsburg and from thence to New York and  
joined General Washington near the city of New York  
upon the retreat of the American Army a battle was  
fought at the whole planing in which I was person-  
ally engaged under General McDougal the Army  
continued to retreat and passed through ~~the city~~  
and crossed the Delaware river at Trenton I was one  
of the men sent up the river to secure the boats and  
prevent their falling into the hands of the British.  
Upon my third tour I recollect to have seen Col.  
Miley, Ennis & Hoell who I believe were regular off-  
cers and Col. Griffith & Holkum & Genl Nelson who  
I believe were militia officers. On this tour my ser-  
vices were confined to the coast without anything im-  
portant occurring. Upon my fourth tour I recollect to  
have seen Col. Miles and Clarke who I think were reg-  
ular officers and Col. Lyne & Moody and Major Arm-  
strong and Genl Carson who I believe were militia  
officers. My services upon this tour were directed entirely  
to the guarding the coast. Upon my fifth tour I do  
not recollect any other paid officer in the service but Col  
White, who ~~I think~~ <sup>I think</sup> was a militia officer. I was  
marched from Prince Georges county to Cobham  
in James river and was there kept for a short  
time and then afterwards marched to Norfolk  
Portsmouth and Suffolk all of which places a  
great deal of injury had been done by the British.  
Upon my sixth tour I recollect to have seen in the  
service Genl Flecken and Col. Miley, Pitzer, Pitzer  
who were regular officers I believe and General Langston  
and Col. <sup>& Clarke</sup> ~~Carper~~ who I think were militia officers.  
In this tour I remained at Richmond during the prin-  
cipal part of the time. Upon my seventh tour which  
was the last I performed I recollect to have seen Genl  
La Fayette Flecken and Payne and Col. Pitzer Ennis  
and Nelson who I believe were regular officers and  
Col. Nelson Landon and Hopkins and Col. Lyne, Holkum

Hamper and Griffith, <sup>to Matthew</sup> who I believe were making off with  
upon this time I was sent by Genl. Harbin to assist in  
removing some stores from Petersburg which he was a  
raid would fall into the hands of the British after  
this service was performed I was marched into  
the vicinity of Pamunkey where the British had  
stationed themselves and was then kept for a while  
and was then marched to Richmond and there  
stationed till Genl. Lee's arrival and was  
afterwards detailed to assist in removing the stores  
from Richmond which service was performed &  
most of the stores deposited at Albemarle old  
court house - after this I joined Genl. Lee's  
on the Rappahannock river and continued with the  
army until the expiration of my term and was dischar-  
ged

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service  
and if so by whom was it given and what has become  
of it

Answer Upon the termination of my second term I re-  
ceived a discharge which was signed by my Capt and  
which I have since lost upon the termination of my  
other term I did not receive any discharge in writing  
that I recollect of -

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons in your present neigh-  
bourhood to whom you are known and who can  
testify as to your character for veracity and then belief of  
your service as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I will name Ferrirod Wiley and Thomas  
Douglas as persons of my neighbourhood to whom I am  
known

Further to and substantiated the ~~say~~ and year at origin

John Wade

We Ferrirod Wiley a long time residing in Owen county  
and State of Kentucky and Thomas Douglas residing  
in the same county and State hereby certify that we  
are well acquainted with John Wade who has <sup>signed</sup> and  
sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to  
be 70 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C.,

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In reply to your request of March 10, 1901, for the history of Richard B. Bledsoe, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, the following is taken from the claim for pension.

| DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT | LENGTH OF SERVICE | RANK    | OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED |            | STATE |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|------------|-------|
|                                    |                   |         | CAPTAIN                                  | COLONEL    |       |
| 1775                               | 1 yr.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |
| 1776                               | 6 mo.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |
| 1777                               | 3 mo.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |
| 1778                               | 3 mo.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |
| 1779                               | 3 mo.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |
| 1780                               | 3 mo.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |
| 1781                               | 6 mo.             | Soldier | John Smith                               | John Smith | Mass. |

Battles engaged in, Fort Mifflin  
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, Philadelphia  
 Date of application for pension, March 10, 1901  
 Residence at date of application, Philadelphia  
 Age at date of application, 81  
 Remarks: See also claim for pension of Richard B. Bledsoe, Mass.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.