

Pension Application for John Welch

W.19600 (Widow: Polly) They married October 16, 1787. John died January 25, 1830.
Tompkins County
State of New York SS.

Be it remembered that one the seventh day of December 1819 before me John Sutton Esquire one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tompkins personally appeared John Welch of the town of Ulysses in said County aged sixty six years the 17th day of March last past who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war".

That he the said John Welch enlisted in the town of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster and State of New York in the later part of May seventeen hundred and seventy seven in a company commanded by Captain Godwin in the fifth New York Regiment Commanded by Col. Dubois—to serve during the war.

That from and after the term of his enlistment as aforesaid he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment until the taking of fort Montgomery in the month of October 1777 where he was taken a prisoner by the British and was imprisoned by the British in the North Church in the City of New York and afterwards in the ship Goodintent.

That the he did not get back again into the American Army until after the capture of Cornwallis in the latter part of March or the first of April 1782 when he entered Captain Israel [Israel?] Smith Company in the Second New York Regiment commanded by Col. VanCortland from which time he continued to serve in said Van Cortland's Regiment until the close of the war in the month of June 1783—when he was discharged at Snakehill near New Windsor in the County of Orange at which time he belonged to Captain Hamtramick's Company of Light Infantry in the same regiment to which he had been transferred.

And the said John Welch further saith that he was regularly and honourably discharged—but he has lost his discharge.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need [of] the assistance of his country for support. (Signed with his mark) John Welch

Subscribed and sworn to this 7th day of Decr 1819 before me. John Sutton.

Letter in folder dated January 21, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to John Welch, soldier of the War of the Revolution, for the purpose of aiding Miss Amelia Welch, his granddaughter, to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

You state that John Welch was born in 1753 in Wales, came to America in 1771, served in the Revolution, and in 1812 came from Newburgh, New York, with his

family and settled on the 600 acres of land which he drew for his services rendered in that war, said land located near the city of Ithaca, New York, where he died in 1830.

The land, above referred to, may have been granted by the state of New York, and it is suggested that you consult the archives of that state for information relative thereto.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.19600, based upon the military service of John Welch during the War of the Revolution.

John Welch was born March 17, 1753, place not shown, nor are the names of his parents given.

He enlisted in Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York, the latter part of May 1777, served in Captain Henry Godwin's company, Colonel Lewis DuBois' 5th New York regiment, was taken prisoner by the British in October, 1777, when Fort Montgomery was captured; he was imprisoned in North Church, New York City, also on; the ship "Good Intent", until after the capture of Cornwallis, when he was exchanged. He entered the service in March or April 1782, served in Captains Israel Smith's and Hamtramck's companies, Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2nd New York regiment, until discharged in June, 1783.

The soldier, John Welch, was allowed pension on his application executed December 7, 1819, at which time he was residing in the Township of Ulysses, Tompkins County, New York. He died January 25, 1830 in Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York.

John Welch married October 16, 1787, Polly; her maiden name is not stated, nor is it shown where they were married.

The widow, Polly Welch, was allowed pension on her application executed September 16, 1843, at which time she was aged eighty-one years and living in Ithaca, New York. She died there December 20, 1848.

The following data in regard to their children are also found in the claim: a daughter, fifty-five years of age in 1843, her name not definitely shown; Thomas Welch, aged fifty-two years in 1843 and living in Ithaca, New York; Catherine Welch, born August 22, 1794; George Welch, born March 14, 1797, and living in 1843 in Ithaca, New York.

The following children survived their mother, Polly Welch; Thomas Welch, George Welch, and Martha Crispall.