



John Whelchel applied for a pension (Federal Pension Archives file # W6498) from Hall County Ga in Sep1832 at age 76.

From Union District SC in 1777 under Captain James Steen and General Williamson, John Whelchel's company went into Georgia and fought against the Indians in several engagements. John was in a few other engagements by the end of 1780. In January 1781 he was in Captain John Thompson's company under Colonel Thomas Brandon. They joined General Daniel Morgan's army and fought in the Battle at the **Cowpens**. He received **several wounds** in that action. Whelchel recovered in time to participate in the Battle at Eutaw Springs.

John Whelchel was born in Albemarle County VA 11Oct1756 to Francis Marion Whelchel and Martha Anne Stockton Whelchel. John was married to Abigail Davis 15Jul1784 in Union District SC by Charles Miles, JP. John Whelchel died 14Mar1837 in Hall County GA. He was buried at New Bridge Baptist Cemetery. On 06Apr1844 Abigail applied for a widow's pension from Gilmer County GA.

In 1823, 37 petitioners from Union District asked the South Carolina senate for support for John Whelchel due to horrendous war wounds. They wrote that John Whelchel received several wounds from Tarleton's horsemen. One opened his skull and exposed his brain. He was left on the field where it was presumed he would die.

Major Joseph McJunkin when testifying about Whelchel's service added that he was known as Dr. Whelchel after the war because he became eminent in the cure of cancers. Whelchel's father, Francis Whelchel earned his living treating the sick.

