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Petition of John Wilson VAS1838

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Rockingham County Legislative Papers

The Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman of the house of Delegates, the petition of John Wilson

Humbly sheweth that he enlisted in the Continental Army in this State's Quota of Troops in the year 1776 and continued in service as a soldier to the End of the war: by different enlistments: with very short intermissions and that he has received many wounds in different Engagements viz. at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] one, Germantown [October 4, 1777] one: at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] one; and Guilford [March 15, 1781] at which Battle he got much Disabled in his left arm: which rendered it difficult for him to get a Living: and Unfortunaths [sic, unfortunately?] he lost his Discharge on returning home to his usual place of Abode: and it being rather Impossible for him to obtain know [now?] one from the Great Distance his officers lived from this place: perhaps now dead: your Petitioner prays that he may be allowed the same Bounty in Lands as is given to other soldiers of the Virginia Line for Equal Service

S/ John Wilson, X his mark

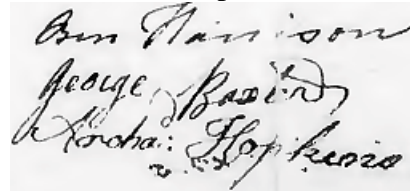
Rockingham County Virginia

We the subscribers believe the above facts to be true

S/ Ben Harrison

S/ George Baxter

S/ Archibald Hopkins

A photograph of three handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads 'Ben Harrison', the middle one 'George Baxter', and the bottom one 'Archibald Hopkins'.

[Reverse]

Wilson's petition

May 26, 1784

Referred to Propositions

(illegible)

(reported)

To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman Delegates

The Petition of John Willson [sic] of the County of Rockingham most humbly Sheweth
That your Petitioner in the year 1774 went out in the Expedition against the Indians – and
the unhappy contest with Britain breaking out soon after your Petitioner [several words
obliterated by injury to the paper] the Glorious cause of Liberty and continued a Soldier in the
American Service till the Conclusion of peace. In which Service he received four different
Wounds in four different Battles (viz.) at Brandywine, at Germantown, Monmouth and Guilford
– in which last Battle the wound so fractured his left arm with many former Fatigues, particularly
at the Building of the Fort at West Point in which Fatigue by the fall of a Log by which two men
were killed, Your Petitioner's Back was so much bruised and Weakened, that ever since your
Petitioner is incapable of getting his living by honest industry. Also your Petitioner being arrived
in his sixtieth Year, implores your Honors would take his deplorable Condition in serious
consideration and allow him a Small annual pension, that he may not become troublesome to the
County in which he resides – And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c:

[Reverse]

Wilson's petition
1782
May 17th

I do hereby Certify that John Wilson Soldier in the 1st Virginia Detachment has received no pay
for his 18 months Service in the Southern Army
January 17, 1782

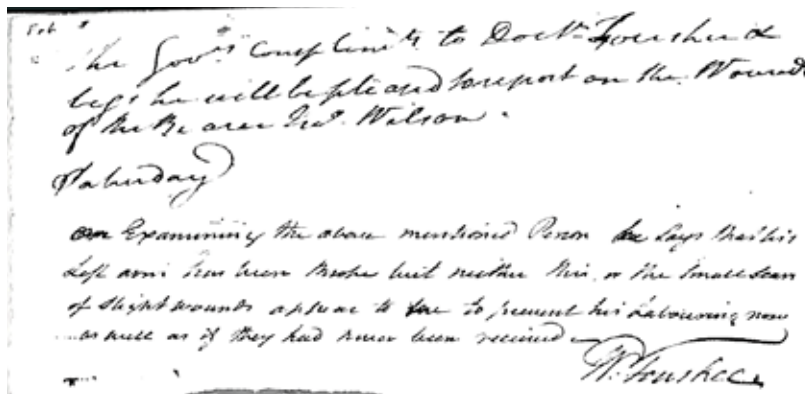
S/ Jno. Crawford, P. M.

A Copy, Phillip Clayton

The Govr's Complements to Dr. Foushee & begs he will be pleased to report on the Wounds of
the Bearer John Wilson
Saturday

Examining the above-mentioned Person he says that his Left arm has been broke but neither this
or the small scar of slight wounds appear to me to prevent his Laboring now as well as if they
had never been received.

S/ W. Foushee



Feb 2
The Govr's Complements to Doct. Foushee &
begs he will be pleased to report on the Wounds
of the Bearer John Wilson.
Saturday
On Examining the above mentioned Person he says that his
Left arm has been broke but neither this, or the small scar
of slight wounds appear to me to prevent his Laboring now
as well as if they had never been received.
W. Foushee