

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Luke Wiles VAS1918

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Mecklenburg County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Luke Wiles respectfully Sheweth that your petitioner was a soldier under John Brown, captain of a company attached to the Army commanded by Brig. General Green [Nathanael Greene], during the revolutionary war; and that at the memorable engagement fought between the forces of the United States and those of Great Britain at the courthouse of Guilford [Guilford County Courthouse, March 15, 1781] in North Carolina, your petitioner received a wound by which he was permanently injured and deprived of ability to obtain the necessaries of life by any manual exertion of his own. By the advantages however of a partial education your petitioner has heretofore supported himself in the character of a Schoolmaster & would have continued unchargeable to his County, had not the operation of seventy years, deprived him of the invaluable sense of sight in so much as to render him incompetent to discharge the duties of his school. Since however, in the vigour of age, he lost his strength by the enemy of his country; and in the misery of age, his last resource is wrested from him by the Irresistible operations of time, your petitioner reluctantly yields to the inveterate necessity and prays that aid which, in the benignity of the Commonwealth, is provided for the disabled soldier of the revolution, and in the confident hope of receiving a pension the remainder of his days of want your petitioner doth & will ever pray in duty bound –

S/ Luke Wiles

[Reverse]

Luke Wiles's Petition

December 16th, 1822

Referred to Claims

1822

24 December laid upon the table

1823

9 January Reasonable

10 Report drawn

29 Bill drawn

Mecklenburg County Virginia September the 16th 1822

This day Bartlett Cox¹ of lawful age came before me Charles [last name indecipherable] a Justice of the Peace for the said County and being sworn upon the holy Avangelist [sic] of Almighty God deposeth and saith that Luke Wiles a Soldier under the command of General Green was wounded through the middle of his thigh with a musket ball and the sinew of his ham Injured in an action fought against Lord Cornwallis near Guilford Courthouse on the 15th day of March 1781.

Given under my hand this 16th day of September 1822

S/ Chs. [Indecipherable last name], JP

Mecklenburg County to wit

This is to Certify that David Chandler came before me Stephen P Pool a Justice of the Peace for the said and the State of Virginia and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and saith that in the year 1781 or thereabout in March of the same year that he was in the United States Service, and Luke Wiles also as Rifle men, under Capt. John Brown and that he the said David Chandler and Luke Wiles were in the General Engagement at Guilford Court house, under the Command of Brig. General Greene, and that then and there in the presence of him the said David Chandler the said Luke Wiles received a wound from the Enemy by a ball passing through his Right thigh, a little above his knee. Given under my hand [indecipherable word or abbreviation] this 7th day of September 1822

S/ Stn P Pool, Seal, JP

¹ [Bartlet Cox \(Coxe\) S24964](#)