

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Bounty-Land Application of Alvin Wilson VAS228

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[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

[King George County VA, 2 Aug 1837]

The memorial of Richard Potts & his wife Martha C Potts residents of King George County & State of Virginia respectfully represents, that she is the sister of Alvin Wilson, who was a midshipman in the Virginia navy in the revolutionary war, and that they with Joseph Wilson & Mary Wilson his sister their nephew & niece who reside in the state of Maryland, if living, are the only heirs at law of said Alvin. They further state that said Alvin entered the service very early in the revolution and serve as an officer, but of what rank they do not know, for a long time. Whilst in service, he came occasionally home, to his fathers, whose residence was at that time in Richmond County – and they well recollect his wearing an epaulette on his shoulder by which they presumed he was an officer.

Before the termination of the war, the said Wilson died in service, as his family were informed, and they have no doubt it was so, as he never returned. Martha C. herXmark Potts

Richard Potts

[Westmoreland County VA, 26 Aug 1837]

ISabellah Wilson do here by certify that Alvin Wilson was the son of my Uncle Martin Wilson, of Richmond County, Said Alvin enlisted in the naval service I think in 1776 or 1777 I am not positive which and served between 3 and 5 years He went on a cruize some whare but I do not recollect whare and never returned home afterwards

Test W. G. Walker

Sabillah herXmark Wilson

[King George County, 4 Sep 1837]

I certify that I had a relation in the time of the revolution of the name of Allen or Alvin Wilson. He was the son of my aunt Betsy Wilson, who resided at that time in Richmond County and I resided then very near her.

I understood that Allen Wilson entered the naval service, and died there. He never returned home. I recollect well that about the close of the war, two coats, one of fine blue cloth & one of red were brought home to his parents, & said to be the cloathes of said Allen Elizabeth Thompson

Dr Mr Alven		1778			Wilson Acting Mid'n
March 17	To one pr shoes. 22/ 1 [?] soap 5/_/ blanket	1	7	“	By wages from date to 3 rd . May 64 days at 3/_ 9.12[?].0
April 6	To 3½ yds linnen 7/[?] Thread 1/3	1	7	March 1	
14	To thread 1/_ 15 th To cash 2/_ Cash 8/8	[?]	[?]	8	
		3	5	8	
May 13	To Cash of the paymaster [?]/	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	
		£9	12		

Paid up to January 20th 1779 per Recpt

I Hugh Mercer Tennent a citizen of the town of Fredsburg certify that the above is a true copy of the account of Midshipman Alven Wilson as it stands in an old book in the possession of David Henderson of said town which book purports to be the book of the Ship Dragon, and it, it appears that David Henderson was clerk of said Ship in 1778.

HM Tennent

Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County to wit – Hugh M Tennent who is known to me personally as a gentleman of respectability personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county and made oath that the above certificate contains the truth – Given under my hand the 7th of December 1837.

Hugh [edge of page]

I also state that Mr Henderson's mind is in so imbecile a condition as to disqualify him from doing any business

Cash M Patten JP

NOTE: A record in the file of Thomas Cheeseman (Chisman) R27 lists Alvin Wilson as a Midshipman aboard the *Dragon* from 1 Mar 1778 until 20 Jan 1779.