

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Wilson VAS4848  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia:

The undersigned only children & heirs at law of Joseph Wilson dec'd. humbly represent that their father the said Joseph was a midshipman in the State Navy during the Revolutionary War. Your petitioners have often heard their father speak of his being in Service & say that he was entitled to his bounty land, which he had never applied for. If further proof should be wanting in addition to any documentary evidence that may be in possession of the government, they can possibly obtain it, to shew that he served three years in the navy. They earnestly hope his case may be fairly considered & may meet with a favourable reception & as in duty bound they will ever pray &c. Elizabeth Kirkham Mary Wood  
Lancaster County/ June 21st 1834

I Richard Nicken [S5830] aged about eighty four do hereby certify that during the Revolutionary war I was a seaman in the Virginia State navy as the rolls of the navy will shew & that I was well acquainted with Joseph Wilson of Lancaster County. That the said Joseph enlisted in the navy about the last of the year 1776 or first of year 1777 to the best of my recollection on board the brig Liberty Capt. Thomas Lilley [Thomas Lilly VAS923]. The said Joseph was a midshipman & to the best of my recollection & belief he continued in Service till 1781.

Given under my hand this 17th day March 1836

Richard hisXmark Nicken