

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Wilbourn R11515

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State of Tennessee McNairy County: On this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord 1841 personally appeared before me Samuel D. Pace Esquire one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the State and County aforesaid, Lewis Wilbourn a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged about seventy-nine years, the said Lewis Wilbourn being unable to appear in Open Court by reason of old age and a hurt which he has received by being thrown from a horse, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born in Fauquier County State of Virginia, and from there while I was very young my parents moved to Granville County State of North Carolina, here [sic, here] I lived when I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier under Ensign Washington, Lieutenant Tatum, Captain Barnard Pullium, so soon as the company was organized we marched from Granville to Hillsborough North Carolina, from there we went to Salsberry [sic, Salisbury] and from there we marched to Charleston South Carolina, here my company joined Colonel Lytle's Regiment, which was under the command of General Lincoln I remained here with my company and Army until the expiration of three months the time I volunteered for, this was in the year 1780 as well as he can now recollect. General Lincoln having repaired to Charleston to put that place in a posture of defense -- at the expiration of my time I was discharged at Charleston, and received a written discharge signed by my Captain but not believing it would ever be of any service to me I used it so carelessly that it is now lost or destroyed, he further states, that to the best of his recollection and belief his discharge was dated about the first day of April 1780 -- he further recollects that while he was stationed at Charleston a portion of General Lincoln's Army was ordered to Ashley River to guard a Bridge on the River (I was one of the number that went) here we had a skirmish with the British, then we marched back to Charleston -- from here I went home in Granville County North Carolina -- where I remained until I again entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer Soldier which was in the latter part of the year 1780 or the first of the year 1781 -- in Granville County North Carolina, under Captain Hicks. So soon as our Company was organized, we marched a few miles to the upper part of Granville County where we joined Major Sharp's Battalion and Colonel Lytle's Regiment from here we marched directly to Guilford Court house we joined General Greene's Army, here we continued until after the Battle which was fought on the 15th day of March 1781. I was in this Battle. From here we

marched to the Iron Works on Troublesome Creek here we staid but a very short time, when we marched in pursuit of the British and followed them until we got to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, here General Greene left us and marched to the Eutaw Springs, the troops left behind was under the command of General Butler: here I remained until my term of three months was out, when I was discharged, my discharge was signed by my Captain, but it is now lost or destroyed, in both Tours I served six months. -- he further states that he has no record of his age, his oldest Brother having moved from North Carolina in a very early day to Kentucky and took with him the Bible in which the family and my own age was recorded in but from all the calculations he is enabled to make he verily believes he is the age herein stated, he further states that he would have applied for a Pension long ago, but he did not believe while a man was able to work and support himself, it would be right to apply to his Country for support, but since he has become a cripple, and hearing that others worth three times or more to what he is worth has applied, he has concluded to through [sic, throw] his claim upon the Government. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He further states that he has no Documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service -- but he can prove by Hugh M. Perkins and Thomas Veil, who lives in his neighborhood he is a man of veracity and that they believe he is of the age he represents, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary Soldier -- after the war I lived in Granville or several years then I moved to Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina lived there a long time from there moved to Tennessee where I now live.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ S. D. Pace, JP

S/ Lewis Wilbourn, X his mark

[Hugh M. Perkins and Thomas Veil gave the standard supporting affidavit.]