

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wilkins R11548

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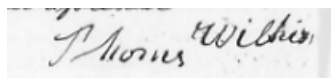
State of North Carolina Cleaveland [Cleveland] County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

January Term 1843

On this 13th day of January 1843, personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting, Thomas Wilkins a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleaveland aged 78 years 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted for a three month tour and entered the service as a Private in Captain Robbert Smith's [Robert Smith's] Company, which was commanded by Colonel Robbert Mumphert [possibly Robert Mumford], and that he resided when drafted in Macklingburgh [Mecklenburg] County in the State of Virginia, and was forth [sic ?] with on the march to join General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene] and did join General Green at a place called high Rock forward on Haugh River [Haw River] and continued with General Green until he joined Morgan's Army and was in the battle at Guilford Court House in North Carolina, and that he still continued with General Green until the expiration of the three months tour at which time he was Discharged on or near the Bank of Deep River in Chatham County North Carolina, and this Declarant believes that he entered the service the first of February 1781 and that he was Discharged about the last of April following, for he well recollects that he was compelled to walk home barfooted [barefoot] and that the weather was somewhat warm and that he further declares that he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person save Edward Tuck¹ & Bartlett Cox² in Halifax County in the State of Virginia if living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service and that 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: and that the rasion [reason] why he has not applied for a pension at an earlier period [period] is that he had removed from the State of Virginia some time before the passage of the act of June 7th 1832 and that he was not in indigent Circumstance and felt free not to ask any assistance of the government but after the lapse of ten years and much bodily infirmity he must claim that relief of which he feels he is justly entitled – for his services above stated. – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ B. B. Bridges, Clk

S/ Thomas Wilkins



¹ FPA S7760

² [Bartlet Cox \(Coxe\) S24964](#)

[Joshua Beem and C. M. Royster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 4: On October 8th, 1852 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Thomas Wilkins, 58, filed a power of attorney in which she states she is the son of Thomas Wilkins Senior who was a revolutionary soldier in the state of Virginia; that his father died September 7th, 1844; that his mother, named Susanna, died in March 1819; that his parents were married in 1780 in Halifax County Virginia where they lived 45 or 46 years.]