

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilson R11664

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State of Alabama Sumter County: County Court for said County February Term 1835

On this 16th day of February 1835 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Peter Doty Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Sumter and State of Alabama aforesaid now in session James Wilson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following annexed declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he the applicant entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the State of Georgia in 1776 under Green Berry Lee [sic, Greenberry Lee], and belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Few [Benjamin Few], was drafted in the breaking out of the war, afterwards served as a volunteer, served under Captain Ayers in Colonel Few's Regiment a militia Officer afterwards served under General Elijah Clarke in Captain Ayers company with whom he served until he Ayers was killed in South Carolina at Clarke's defeat. While in Ayers company under Clarke was with General Sumter at Blackstock's on Tyger River, where General Sumter was wounded; was with Clarke also upon the waters of the Long Cane at McMasterson's Mills, when he engaged Dunlap [James Dunlap<sup>2</sup>] and took him prisoner and killed or overtook most of his Dunlap's men: after the death of Captain Ayers, the applicant served under Captain Dunn, under General Clarke, applicant was in the engagement at Augusta in Georgia where we were defeated served under Captain Dunn until the end of the War was in the service as a private in the Militia about two years stated he. The applicant has no documentary Evidence in support of his claims. He knows of no person now living by whom he can establish his services, whose testimony he can procure &

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant and his answers thereto Interry.1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? -- Answer; I was born in [word obliterated,

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<sup>1</sup> the page numbers assigned by footnote.com are nonsensical

<sup>2</sup> A notorious Tory officer first commissioned as a Captain in the Queens American Rangers, an American Provincial unit.

begins with a capital "R" and appears to have 7 or 8 other letters] Fort near Broad River South Carolina, the 11th of April A.D. 1761

Interry.2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answr. I have no record of my age, my father had it, but it is now lost.

Interry.3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answr. I was living in Richmond County in the State of Georgia: afterwards lived in Warren County Georgia; I moved from thence to Clarke County State of Alabama from thence to Marengo County State of Alabama, from thence to Sumter County State of Alabama where I now live --

Interry.4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answr. I was drafted in the breaking out of the War, three or four times to go short tours against the Indians: and when the war became hot I volunteered

Interry.5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answr. I served under Captain Ayers and Colonel Few's Regiment, a militia Officer afterwards served under General Elijah Clarke in Captain Ayers Company in which company I served until Captain Ayers was killed in South Carolina at Clarke's defeat; I was with General Sumter in Ayers company under Clarke at Blackstock's when General Sumter was wounded, I served in Captain Dunn's Company in the engagement at Augusta Georgia

Interry.6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did not receive any discharge, because I served only in the Militia as private.

Interry.7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. James Savage and John Pearce of Sumter County know me and can testify to my character as a man of veracity -- and I have stated the circumstances of my Service as nearly as I can now recollect

Sworn to and signed in open Court this the 16th day of February 1835

S/ Daniel Womack, Clerk

S/ John Wilson, X his mark

[Hugh Hodges, a clergyman, James Savage Senior and John Pearce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

#### Amended Declaration

State of Alabama Sumter County: On this 17th day of August 1835, personally Appeared before me Peter Doty Judge of the County Court of said County of Sumter and State of Alabama James Wilson aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That in July 1777, he was drafted as a militia man under Captain Benjamin Few (afterwards Colonel Few) was out on the Ogeechee [River] Georgia to guard the frontiers against the Indians ten days. In September 1777 was drafted the second time under Captain Few (a Militia Officer) to go to Powell's Fort on the Ogeechee -- Georgia, was out this tour to guard the frontiers fifteen days. In 1778 in February was drafted a third time in

Captain Few's Company to guard the frontiers went under Lieutenant Smith in Few's Company to Williams cabin on the Ogeechee was out this tour fifteen days. In September 1780 he volunteered under Captain Abram Ayers in Colonel Few's Regiment (a Militia officer) as a private of Militia served under Captain Ayers until he was killed in December following. In the spring following while in the service I was taken with the small pox left the Army and got home the 11th or 12th April, as soon as I was able to do duty in May or June 1781 I joined Captain John Wilson's Company who was attached to Colonel Dunn's Regiment with whom I served until the middle of October 1782. In Captain Ayers Company I served under General Elijah Clarke and was with him in Clarke's defeat in South Carolina where Captain Ayers was killed while serving under Captain Ayers was at Blackstock's on Tyger River where General Sumter got wounded, was with General Clarke also when we engaged Dunlap upon the waters of the Long Cane at McMasterson's Mills, when we took Dunlap Prisoner and killed and took most of his men. After the death of Captain Ayers I served in Captain Dunn's company under General Clarke was in the engagement at Augusta Georgia in his Company, well we were defeated served under Captain Dunn until he was promoted and made Colonel from which time until the middle of October 1782 served under Captain John Wilson. In September 1782, went under Captain Wilson against the Cherokee Indians in the long swamp, Hightower River and Sillicoa [sic, Tellico?] and the Pine log town was out on that excursion five weeks until the middle of October 1782. I have no documentary evidence in support of my claims and I know of no person by whom I can establish my services whose testimony I can procure. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Peter Doty, Judge Presiding

S/ James Wilson, X his mark

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant, and his answers thereto.

Interrogatory 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in Raferts [?] fort near Broad River, South Carolina the 11th of April 1761

Interrogatory 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age, my father had it, but it is now lost.

Interrogatory 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. Living in Richmond County in the State of Georgia, moved from thence to Warren County in the State of Georgia and from thence to Clarke County in the State of Alabama, and from thence to Marengo County in said State, from thence to Sumter County in said State, where I now live

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. In July 1777 I was drafted and served ten days. In September 1777 was drafted again and served fifteen days. In 1778 in February was drafted again and served fifteen days. In September 1780, I volunteered as a private of militia, served till the middle of October 1782.

Interrogatory 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. In September 1780 and served as a volunteer in Captain Abraham Ayers County [sic, company] in Colonel Few's Regiment (a Militia Officer) Captain Ayers got killed at Clarke's

defeat in South Carolina. Was in Captain Ayers company under General Clarke at Blackstock's on Tyger River when General Sumter got wounded, was with Clarke also when we engaged Dunlap in South Carolina upon the waters of long cane at McMasterson's Mills and took Dunlap and we made the most of his men prisoners, after the death of Captain Ayers I served under Captain Dunn under General Clarke was in the engagement in Augusta Georgia where we were defeated, served under Captain Dunn until he was promoted then served under Captain John Wilson who was attached to Colonel Dunn's Regiment.

Interrogatory 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received no discharge because I served only in the Militia. I was in the service two years and sixty days as near as I can remember.

Interrogatory 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. James Savage and \_\_ have been acquainted with me for \_\_ years and can testify what they know of my character for veracity etc.

Sworn to and assigned him Open Court this 17th day of August 1835

S/ Peter Doty, Judge Presiding

S/ James Wilson, X his mark

[Hugh Hodges, a clergyman, James Savage and Jesse B. Landrum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 190: Bounty Land Warrant Record Card issued to James Wilson, private, Maryland line, Warrant Number 11831, 100 acres issued November 29, 1792 Barney Wilson, Admr]