

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Wilson R11670

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United States of America

Territory of Arkansas

County of Washington

On this 9th day of December A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas . Eskridge Judge of the Circuit Court of Washington County, John Wilson a resident of the Territory of Arkansas and County of Washington, aged seventy three years the 3rd day of July A.D. 1834, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States of america in the year [blank] with Captain Booyer [sic:Thomas Bowyer] and served in the third Regiment of the Virginia Line under the following named officers. That he enlisted under Captain Thomas Booyer who was commanded by Col. [Richard] Campbell and general Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in the State of Virginia County of Boutetout [sic: Botetourt] the date of enlistment not recollected, marched first to Hillsborough State of North Carolina from there to the Cheraw Hills on pedee River [sic: Pee Dee River] at which place we stayed the greater part of the winter [sic: 26 Dec 1780 - 28 Jan 1781] when Cornwallis came on and dove them to Guildford [sic: see endnote]. Cornwallis pursued us there and Gen. Green thinking that he had not a sufficient number of men to fight him marched his army across Dan River [14 Feb 1781] and recruited about one thousand men and then marched back to Guildford and fought Cornwallis [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 5 Mar 1781] and made him retreat, and we pursued him to Rocky river, where he had made a bridge across and crossed and had cut down the Bridge after crossing. we then returned back to Guildford, from there we marched to Charlotte and from there to Campden and fought the battle of Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] at which place the British gave way and marched towards Charleston [sic: see endnote] we then marched across the Wateree River and on to the Congaree River and took a fort on that river [probably Siege of Fort Granby near present Columbia SC, 2-15 May 1781], and from there we marched to the siege of Ninetysix [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] at which place we had to retreat to Orangeburg, and from there we marched to the High Hills of Santee, and from there to the Eutaw Springs, where we fought the Brittish again [8 Sep 1781]. On the night after battle they marched off towards Charleston. we pursued them to the Wattau Bridge and finding after they had crossed they had cut down the Bridge we returned to the high Hills of Santee again and there rested near one month and then marched to Stono river and took a fort and then returned to the Hills again, and our terms of service there expired and we was marched to Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] State of North Carolina and discharged I received my discharge from Capt. Thomas Booyer for Eighteen months service the date of my Dischare I cannot recollect. he further states that he has no evidence of the above facts nor noes of no person whose testimony he can pcure to prove the same.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

questions by the court.

q. 1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County of Boutetout State of Virginia on the 3rd day of July A.D. 1761.

q. 2nd. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age

q. 3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living the County of Boutetout State of Virginia I mooved from there to the State of

Kentucky, where I lived 25 years, from there to the State of Tennessee and from there to the State of Alabama and from there to the County of Washington Territory of Arkansas, where I now live.

q. 4th. How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I enlisted.

q 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

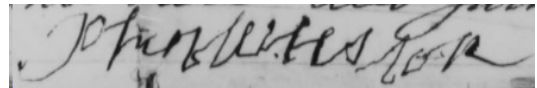
Ans. There was Capt. Thomas Booyer Col. Campbell Gen. Green was the regular officers during my service the general Circumstances of my service I have related above.

Q. 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge signed by Thomas Booyer, and when I lived in the State of Kentucky I gave my discharge to one McDowel a representative in Congress for to draw my pay, and when he returned he told me he had lost my discharge, and drawn no money for me.

q. 7th. 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. I will name Aaron Smith John Pierce and James C. Bell

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "John Wilson".

NOTES:

Cornwallis did not drive Greene's army from winter quarters in Cheraw Hills SC. He was in pursuit of Gen. Daniel Morgan in an effort to recover 600 British prisoners taken at the Battle of Cowpens, 17 Jan 1781. Greene took his troops to join those of Morgan, after which his army was pursued into Virginia.

The British did not immediately retreat from Camden SC after the Battle of Hobkirk Hill on 25 Apr 1781. They won the battle, but abandoned the town on 9 May.

John Wilson's claim was rejected "for proof of identity and his reasons for not applying under act 1818."