

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilson R11680

Patty Wilson

f18NC

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State of North Carolina Johnston County }

On this 15th day of June 1855 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs. Betty Wilson, a resident of Johnston County aged 70 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836 and of several different acts and Resolutions

That she is the daughter of John Wilson and Patty Wilson deceased whose maiden name before their marriage was Patty Davis. My Father John Wilson was a private Soldier and served his Country in the Revolutionary War he enlisted in the war on or about the 1st day of January 1777 and was a Corporal in 1778 for the term of three years and served under Captain Walsh [John Walsh] as I have understood and believe that her Father was in several engagements as I have heard him and Mother say and I know he was a cripple for life in his right knee which wound he got in one of the battles as I have heard him say and have heard Father John Wilson and Uncle William Wilson speak of their services in the War. She prays for such pension as she may be entitled to I employed our clerk some years since to file my papers about the time that aunt Elizabeth widow of William Wilson died and he (Thomas Bailey) died and I do not know whether he sent them or not as I lived 20 miles from the Court House, that her said Father John Wilson died in the month of September 1832 the day of the month I do not recollect and my Mother Patty Wilson died on the 29th day of April's 1849 as will more fully appear by Proofs hereunto annexed.

S/ Betty Wilson, X her mark

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[On June 18, 1855 in Johnston County, North Carolina, John Banes, Senior, 90, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John and Patty Wilson, the parents of Betty Wilson; that he, affiant, is old enough to remember when John Wilson went into the service in the revolution, was gone some three years, and was brought home a cripple with a wound in his right knee. He, the affiant, understood that the veteran participated in the battles at Stono ferry,<sup>1</sup> Moncks Corner and some others in South Carolina with General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. In addition the affiant stated that the affiant's "... Grand Father William Raney was one of the members of the first Congress from Johnston when the members met at Halifax in November 1776 which formed the

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<sup>1</sup> June 20, 1779 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

Constitution. I can Remember when Grand Father went off to Congress.”]

*John Ramus Jr.* ]

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[On June 18, 1855 in Johnston County North Carolina, Allen Watkins, 89, gave testimony that he was a very near neighbor and was well acquainted with John Wilson and his wife Patty Wilson who was Patty Davis before her marriage; that John Wilson served about three years during the revolutionary war; that he was wounded in the right knee which made him a cripple; that he was brought home from the war about the year 1780; he recalls the veteran speaking of having served with Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] and General Lincoln.

*Allen Watkins* ]

[p 12: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Johnston County North Carolina to John Wilson and Jacob Davis on September 14, 1785 to secure the marriage of John Wilson to Patty Davis. Both men signed the bond with their respective marks.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Wilson a private soldier in Captain Walsh's Company of the 8th Regiment, entered the service on the 1st day of January 1777, for the term of three years; was a Corporal in November 1778.

Given under my hand this 31st day of July 1855

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State