

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilson R11684

Phebe

fn11NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

1/17/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

State of Georgia County of Clark: On this the 11th day of August 1845 personally appeared before the Superior Court of said County & State Phebe Wilson a resident of the town of Athens in this County aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of James Wilson – who was a private in the Army (militia man) – who died in the year 1834. That he performed three months service during the Revolutionary War – in the winter season of the year 1780 – as well as she can arrive at the year. The officer's name was Colonel McDowell – the name of the Captain – she has heard her husband mentioned often, but it has escaped her memory. Her husband resided in Burke County North Carolina at the time of entering the service. Colonel McDowell's name was Joseph or Charles. Petitioner thinks it was Joseph. Her husband was a volunteer – she is pretty certain – She has often heard her husband tell of the skirmishes they had with the Indians – & of their burning the Indian towns, but she knows of no regular pitch Battle fought by them – She has no documentary evidence in her possession. Her husband [had] his discharge – which during his last sickness he sent to the Honorable A S Clayton – a Representative from Georgia for the purpose of trying at the next Session thereafter for a pension from him. Her husband never rose from his bed again & the Honorable A S Clayton is long since dead – so that though she has searched diligently for the discharge she has been unable to get it. The affidavits accompanying will prove all the facts here stated.

They were married by Reverend Daniel Thatcher on the 11th day of June 1789 – in the County of Green & State aforesaid – & that she never has been since married. She further declares that she was not married to her husband prior to his leaving the service – but previous to the 1st of January 1794 – viz. – at the time aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written in Open court

S/ Junius Hillyer, JIC

S/ Phebe Wilson, X her mark

[On August 25, 1845 in Walton County Georgia, James McGaughy testified that he was present at the marriage of James Wilson to Pheby White at his father's residence in Green County Georgia in 1789; that they were married by the Reverend Daniel Thacher [sic].

James M. Gough

]

Georgia Clark County: Personally appeared Robert Wilson – who on oath saith that he is a younger brother of James Wilson deceased whose widow Phebe Wilson is applying for pension from the General Government. That he recollects very distinctly when his Brother entered the service of the Country – in the winter season of the year 1780 – there & when he returned after a three months tour. It was an expedition against hostile Indians – under Colonel Joseph McDowell. Deponent's Father lived in Burke County North Carolina – & the expedition was towards the Western part of the State. Deponent has often heard his brother tell of the hardships they underwent in crossing spurs of the blue Ridge – They had no general engagement, but many skirmishes with hostile Indians – whose towns they burned. Deponent was not present when his Brother was married – but knows of their living for many years as man & wife & raising a large family. He knows of his Brother dying in the year 1834 but was not present. Deponent knows that Phebe Wilson has never been married since that time.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this September 13th 1845

S/ Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson