

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wilson R11688

Mahalah

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[fn p. 30, sic, 3]

State of South Carolina District of Richland: SS

On this 6th day of November 1850 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Ordinary, now sitting, Mahalah Wilson a resident of the District of Lexington in the State of South Carolina, aged forty-four 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: That she is the widow of William Wilson deceased who entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That said William Wilson deceased during the war of the Revolution lived in what is now called Fairfield District in this State, and entered the service as a private in said war in the Company commanded by Captain William Simmons in the Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwyn [also spelled Robert Goodwin] and was in the expedition of forces who went to Florida commonly known as the "Florida expedition" under General Andrew Williamson: That in the said service above set forth he the said William Wilson remained for the period of two or three years, as this Deponent has been informed & verily believes: That among his comrades & from the same neighborhood were the brother of said William Wilson, to wit, James Wilson deceased, and Robert Duke who removed to Mississippi some years ago: That Declarant recollects of her said husband's saying he was at Ninety Six during the war. That in the year 1831 said husband being poor & aged applied to the Legislature of this State & upon proving his said services was allowed a pension for the same which he continued to receive annually up until January of the year in which he died: That he the said William Wilson died in Fairfield District in this State on the 13th day of September A.D. 1837, which fact is recorded in the Family Bible of This Declarant: this Declarant was married to the said William Wilson on the 10th day of November A.D. 1825, and that ever since his death on the 13th day of September 1837 this declarant has remained a widow, all of which will more fully appear by the proofs hereafter to be submitted: She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name, as also that of her said husband is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State, except only he is as a pensioner of the State of South Carolina as above set forth. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid, in open Court before me.

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S/ James S. Guignard, Judge

S/ Mahalah Wilson, X her mark

[fn p. 66, sic., 6: Lee W. Stewart testified in Richmond District South Carolina that he was aware of the marriage of William Wilson to Mahalah Lee in 1825; that he was not personally present at the marriage but that he heard of it at the time; that he, the affiant, has a son about 29 years old and he distinctly remembers that child being about one year old when he staid with William Wilson and his wife Mahalah; that William Wilson died in Fairfield District in September 1837.]

[fn p. 85]

State of South Carolina Richland District: Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate within the said District Theophilus Wilson who being duly sworn according to law states that he is now eighty-six years of age and is a pensioner of the State of South Carolina on account of his revolutionary services: That before, during & ever since the war of the Revolution he has lived in the same neighborhood in Fairfield District South Carolina: That Deponent's father, John Wilson, Deponent's brothers James Wilson, Jesse Wilson, & William Wilson were all in the American service: That deponent's brother William Wilson was a private in the company of Captain William Lang, and afterwards in the same capacity under Captain William Simmons who commanded a Company in Colonel Robert Goodwyn's Regiment of militia and afterwards again in Captain James Craig's Company: That this Deponent is certain that he himself was out in the Militia service in the Capacity of a Wagoner fully two years during the war, at different places & times during his service and part of the time with his said brother William & is certain that said brother was in service longer than Deponent and to the best of this Deponent's recollection more than two years & likely near three years -- That after the war his said brother & himself live in the same neighborhood and after the death of said brother's wife by first marriage he married Mahalah Lee now his widow, Mahalah Wilson: That his brother drew a pension & died in Fairfield District about fourteen years ago: That Deponent was absent from home when said brother married said Mahalah but heard of the event and that they as man & wife lived near this Deponent's place of residence in said District until his death as aforesaid -- That this Deponent is entirely disinterested in any amount which said Mahalah Wilson may recover on account of her said husband's services. Sworn to and Subscribed this 5th day of March 1852 Before me

S/ A. Fitch, Magistrate

S/ Theophilus Wilson, P his mark

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To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives and members of the same. The Petition of William Wilson Showeth that he was a soldier in the Service of the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War and that he was in the company of Captain William Simmons of the Revolution also in Colonel Robert Goodwin's Regiment and at the time of the Florida Expedition commanded by General Williamson and that he was in the service at different times for as much as 2 or 3 years. Your petitioner furthermore showeth that he knows from all accounts that he is about 70 years of age and have not a place for residence neither ample inome [?] for support. Therefore your petitioner calls your Honorable Body to a due consideration of your humble Petitioner's Case.

Signed William Wilson

South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally appears before me William Willison [sic] the within and undersigned petitioner and as within stated and swears the within is correct to the best of his

knowledge. Sworn to before me this 23rd of November 1831

Signed William K. Taylor, JP

S/ William Wilson

South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally appears before me Mr. James Wilson of the State and District of and made oath that he has been duly acquainted with William Wilson in the year 1779 and for a long time before that time and that he this deponent knows of his own knowledge that the said William Wilson was drafted as a militia man in the Continental service in Colonel Robert Goodwin's Regiment and as a member of Captain William Simmons Company at the time of said draft this deponent further states that the said William Wilson serve for the time for which he was drafted in a faithful manner and at all times discharged his duty as a soldier while under said draft and returned home after having received his discharge.

signed James Willson, X his mark

State of Mississippi Marion County: Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the County Court of Marion County, Robert Duke of the said County of Marion who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was personally acquainted with William Wilson in the year 1779 and long anterior to that time and has known him ever since. That he knows of his own knowledge that the said William Wilson belonged to and served a while in the line of Continental Troops of South Carolina but this deponent cannot say precisely how long the said William Wilson continued in that service and further this Deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of November A.D. 1824

signed James Phillips, Presiding judge

signed Rot. Duke

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of William Wilson praying to be placed on the Pension List Recommends that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

signed Peter J. Shand, Chairman