

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wilson Jolly (Jolley) R5688

Mary Jolly

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina,

Your petitioner respectfully Showeth That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that he resided in Union District and that at the first draft that was held in the District he was drafted for two months in Col. James Steen's [sic, then Capt. James Steen] Regiment in Capt. John Thompson's [sic, Col. John Thomas'] Company during which time I was in active service but in no engagement, after which time another draft was soon held. I was again drafted for one month under the command of Capt. Drury Harrington. From that time continued in the service until its end in the Whig Service and fought in the battles of Cedar Springs [probably the engagement known as 2nd Cedar Springs or Wofford's Iron Works, August 8, 1780],¹ Cowpens [January 17, 1781],² Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]³ and Dugan's near the Long Canes [Long Canes, Dec. 12, 1780 ?]⁴ and was at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22 – June 19, 1781],⁵ besides many skirmishes, during which time I encountered many hardships and perils. Your petitioner is now in the 71st year of his age, and has become very lame from the circumstances of his having one of his legs broke, so that he has become incompetent to make a comfortable support for himself and his wife, who is about 67 years of age and has become almost blind. Your petitioner is at present destitute of land or any other estate except a little household furniture. He has however been informed that you will not suffer such of the old war-worn soldiers that has been this reduced to become paupers. He therefore hopes that you will take his case into consideration and permit him to be placed upon the pension Roll.

(signed) Wilson Jolly

South Carolina, Pendleton District, Personally came before me Wilson Jolley the above petitioner and made oath that the statements made in the petition is strictly true to the best of his recollection. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of November 1827.

S/ Wm Milwee, JP

(signed) Wilson Jolly⁶

State of South Carolina, Pendleton District

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_woffords_iron_works.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_long_canes.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁶ these documents are no longer in the SC Audited Account files. Whether or not someone has stolen them or if they have simply been misplaced, I cannot determine.

Personally came Aaron Guyton⁷ before me and being duly sworn on his oath saith on his oath that the deponent knew the petitioner Wilson Jolley during the whole time of the Revolutionary war & that he the said deponent was with him in many Campaign[s] & in several engagements with him against the enemy of the Country & further the deponent saith not. Sworn & subscribed before me this 13th of November 1827.

(signed) Aaron Guyton

S/ Wm Milwee, JP

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Wilson Jolley praying for a pension Respectfully reports that they have considered the same and recommend to the house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that he be placed on the pension list.

S/ J. McComb, Chairman

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To the Honorable the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina.

Your petitioner respectfully showeth – That her husband Wilson Jolly a Citizen of Pendleton District who had been permitted by you to be placed on the pension Roll, departed this life on the tenth day of June last, leaving your petitioner entirely destitute of the means for a support in the extreme old age and almost entirely blind. She therefore humbly prayeth that you will allow her to draw the portion of his pension that was due him up to the time of his death and that you permit her to be placed upon the pension roll, and she is will ever bless you &c.

S/ Mary Jolly, X her mark

South Carolina, Anderson District

The petitioner Mary Jolly came before me & swore to the facts set forth in the above petition. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of November 1829.

S/ Mary Jolly, X her mark

Test: S/ William May, J. Q.

[House and Senate granted the petitions of both Wilson and Mary Jolly]

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally appeared before me a magistrate in & for said District, Mrs. Susannah Littlejohn who being duly sworn according to law saith that her molar had a family record which is not now in her possession but in which the date of her birth was recorded, having taken place on the 30th of December 1767 and that she is now in her Eighty ninth year of age: That she was born and brought up & has ever lived in the same neighborhood in which she now lives on Thicketty Creek which empties into Broad River a few miles below Smith's Ford on said River: That she was personally acquainted with most of the prominent Whig soldiers of this section in the Revolutionary War among whom was Captains John Thompson, James Steen, Robert Montgomery, Nathanael Jeffers, & with the following Whig soldiers of the same section mainly John Jeffries, Nicholas Corry, Davis Goudeock, Wilson & Joseph Jolley who were brothers. That she knew the two Jolleys bore the undisputed reputation at that time of being a Whig soldiers & she has seen them then passing as such: That the said Joseph & Wilson Jolly then lived near Captain Robert Montgomery in the forks of Thicketty Creek & Broad River and that she also recollects that during the Revolutionary war said Wilson Jolly was a man of family but that she was not present at his wedding: That of the above facts she is positive as to her knowledge of them and also that about sixty years ago the two Jolleys aforesaid removed from

⁷ [Aaron Guyton W21237](#)

the neighborhood since which time this deponent has never seen either of them: That Colonel Thomas Brandon also lived in this District. This deponent further swears that she is wholly disinterested in giving this testimony. And this deponent further swears that the said Joseph & Wilson Jolly were the only two persons of their names residing in this vicinity during said war who were capable of bearing arms in the same.

Sworn to and subscribed this sixth day of June 1856 before me.

S/ Susannah Littlejohn, X her mark

S/ Wm Jeffers, Magistrate

[p 3: On January 23rd, 1856 in Gwinnett County Georgia, Ms. Edy Moore filed an application under the 1836 act stating that she is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Jolley, deceased, late of Pickens District South Carolina; that Mary Jolley was the widow of the affiant's father Wilson Jolley; that her father served in the revolutionary war under Captain John Thompson [John Thomson] and Colonel Steen [James Steen] or Colonel Thomas Brandon; that her father then joined the company commanded by Lieutenant or Captain Drury Harrington; was in other tours under Captains James Steen and Robert Montgomery; that during the war her parents had three children namely John, Elizabeth and Anness Jolley all of whom are now dead; that in the year 1827 her father moved from Union District South Carolina to Pendleton District subsequently Anderson & Pickens District in South Carolina; that her father died in Anderson District June 10, 1829; that her mother died on the last Monday of February 1845 leaving as her only surviving children the affiant, affiant's sister Margaret Isbell, and affiant's brother James Jolley; that there is no record of the date of her parents marriage or the births of their children, the same having been burned when the affiant's brother's house burned several years before affiant's application. She signed the application with her mark.]

[Information in the file:

Wilson Jolly or Jolley married Mary Montgomery of York District in 1776 or 1777; they had at least these children: John, Elizabeth, Edy, Margaret Isbell, James and Anness; John, Elizabeth and Anness were dead by 1856. Soldier died in Anderson District; widow died in Pickens District in February 1845, aged 85; in 1856, Edy Moore, a resident of Gwinnett County, Ga., Margaret Isbell and James Jolley were still alive. The claim under the federal pension acts were rejected on the grounds that the veteran's services were not sufficiently proven.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Wilson Jolley
Audited Account No. 4091

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I have this Day Received of Charles Miles Esquire the full value of my account against the Public & now Lying in the Auditor's Office for auditing & afterwards to get an indent for the same from the Treasury. I request the Commissioners of the Treasury to make out an Indent with interest pursuant to the Resolve in that Case to said Charles Miles & accept this as a Receipt in full against the Public for the said account

S/ Wilson Joley

⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

3rd Mary 1784



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The Commissioners of the Treasury will be pleased to make out the Indent for this to Governor Guerard [for] value received of him this 27th March 1784

S/ Chs Miles



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No. 112

[No. 2928

Book] X

5 June 86 [1786]

Wilson Jolly For militia Duty in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment, Before the fall of Chs.ton [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £41.10.0

Sterling £5.18.6 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Gentlemen/ Please to Deliver my Account against the Public of South Carolina to Mr. James Martin it being full Value Received of the said James Martin this 12th September 1780 for

S/ Wilson Jolley



S/ Chs. Miles JP

[p 8: Restatement of the veteran's service as set forth above except in a slightly different format]

Received the amount of the Above Account in an Indent No. 2928, X per Order

S/ Jas. Martin



[p 9: Printed form of Indent No. 2928 Book X]

[p 10: Reverse of the above Indent]

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[No. 3215 Book X July 4, 1786]

Wilson Jolley For 8 Days Duty as Sergeant of Horse from the 7th to the 15th February 1779 in

Capt. James Steen's Company & 280 Days Duty as Horseman from the 12th May 1780 to January 1783 Alternately in Capt. Montgomery's Company in Col. Brandon's Regiment.

Charged [old South Carolina] Currency	£291.5.8
Deduct less from 1 st charge	<u>1.2.6</u>
Currency	<u>£290.2.6</u>
Sterling	£41.8.4

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The State of South Carolina to Wilson Jolley

Dr.

To 9 Days Duty as Sergeant of Horse from

7th to the 15th February 1779 per

pay Bill of Capt. James Steen &

certified per Col. John Thomas

£11.5

To 83 Days Duty as Footman from the 10th November 1779

to the [illegibly faint] February 1780 Inclusive per pay Bill

of Capt. Montgomery Certified per Col. Brandon

To 280 Days Duty as Horseman from the 12th of May

1780 to January 1783 Alternately per pay Bill

of Capt. Montgomery Certified per Col.

280

£291.5.8

Stg. £41.12.1

NB: the 2nd Charge is Will Jolley

instead of Wilson Jolley

3rd March 86

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Received for July 1786 full satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3215 Book X

S/ Jas. Martin



[p 14: Receipt dated May 28, 1829 reflecting a payment of \$60 as a one year annuity due Wilson Jolley on the 1st of March 1829.]

[p 16: The original image of the petition by Mary Joley [sic] as transcribed above from page 8 of the federal pension file. As already noted, unfortunately the pension application of which the veteran filed with the State of South Carolina and the supporting documentation is no longer in this file. The documents in the file indicate that the widow was placed on the pension list of South Carolina and received an annuity of \$30 per annum with the last such voucher being dated June 4, 1834.]