

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Wilson S11811

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State of Kentucky Logan County

On this day 9th of November 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Logan Circuit Court, Samuel Wilson a resident of the said County of Logan in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-one years who being 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 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein stated, to wit, He was drafted the day he was put on the Muster Roll, he thinks about the year 1776 to march to the mouth of Kanawha] River] to defend that post each Captains' company was required to furnish a certain quota of men. The Squad which was drafted with myself from the company to which we belonged in Rockbridge County Virginia repaired to the frontier settlements in the County of Greenbrier, expecting to be organized and proceeded on our march to the post designated above, but from some cause the expedition was given over and we were permitted to return home, After a tour of twenty-five days without being regularly organized into Companies &c and for this service he received no written discharge –

The second tour which was some time after my return – at a general muster (the first I ever attended) I volunteered under Captain Charles Campbell in Rockbridge County Virginia for the purpose of marching to the aid of North Carolina, but when we rendezvoused at the widow Allen's in Augusta County, the news of the landing of Lord Dunmore at Norfolk, and also of a requisition of Militia by draft having reached us – Captain Campbell and our Company marched directly to Jamestown, and our Company was placed under the command of Colonel Douland and was composed of riflemen – We remained at Jamestown & the neighboring village of Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] for some time we were then marched to Petersburg & [were] discharged, Dunmore having left Norfolk. I received no written discharge for this tour of duty which was sixty-two days – The third tour I was drafted & placed under Captain David Gray in the said County [of] Rockbridge the Regiment to which we were attached was a rifle Regiment and Commanded by ___ Long [Major William Long] (previous to entering on this tour, at the time the Legislature of Virginia and the Governor was flying before Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] and had reached Charlottesville and were on their way to Staunton an express came to Rockbridge requiring aid from the Militia, He together with his older brother equipped themselves for the [indecipherable word] & repaired to the gap in the mountain east of Staunton to intercept the British but they did not advance this far and after ten days Service we returned –) and General Samuel Lewis we marched to Little York where Cornwallis was besieged he was there during the Siege and was hauled home in a wagon sic after performing three months and fifteen days tour for this Service he received no written discharge, for all this Service he never received one

farthing of pay and at one time he drew no rations for eight days – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Saml Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Saml" is written in a slightly larger and more prominent hand than the last name "Wilson".

[Thomas Porter, a clergyman, and William J Morton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.41 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 22 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]