

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilhite S14833

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Circuit Court of Scott County: September 5, 1832

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Scott Circuit Court now sitting, John Wilhite, a resident of Scott County and State of Kentucky aged 87 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

The said John Wilhite states that during the Revolutionary war he lived in the County of Orange & State of Virginia. That he was born in Culpepper [Culpeper County] that he has no register of his age but he says he is now 87 years of age. That he has no particular Citizenship in any County, that he has no family & no home; that he lives most of his time in Owen County adjoining Scott, that he is as well known in Scott as in Owen & as his witnesses are both in Scott & the Court sitting he prefers making his declaration in Scott – he states that he served four terms of militia duty during the revolution. The first tour was in the year 1778 from his best recollection & for three months under command of Captain James Barbour of Culpeper County Virginia. Second was in the following year 1779 under command of Captain Robert Miller – for two months – under General Weden [George Weedon] – was stationed principally at Fredericksburg; third Tour was in the year 1780 under Captain Benjamin Johnson of Orange Virginia & Colonel Thomas Barbour – the 4th tour 1781 under Captain George Waw [? possibly Captain George Waugh of Orange County Virginia] at the Siege of York at surrender of Cornwallis & was for three months making 11 months all of which he served faithfully – no written discharge signed the day above in open court.

Test.

Robert Johnson

S/ John Wilhite, X his mark

he relinquishes all claim to pension but this & is not on the Pension list of any State.

At the same time Achilles Stapp¹ and Richard Sebree² came into open Court and made oath that they have heard the declaration of said Wilhite & Achilles Stapp says that he can prove positively a faithful services of said John Wilhite for the two tours in 1779 & 1781, that in 1779 he served with him & 1781 he saw the said Wilhite in service & at the close of this tour he carried said Wilhite home who was very sick & Richard Sebree proved that the declaration was true to his own knowledge as to the tour set forth by said Wilhite am under Captain Benjamin Johnson of Orange in 1780 this the said Sebree was out the same tour & in the same mess.

Signed by said Stapp & Sebree

¹ FPA W599

² FPA S14424

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S/ Robert Johnson

S/ Achilles Stapp, X his mark
S/ Richard Sebree, X his mark

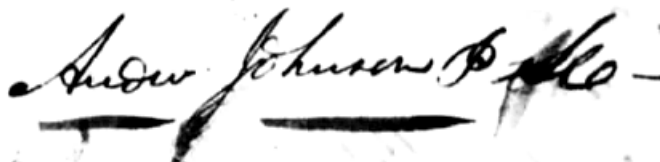
[John T Johnson, a clergyman, & Richard M Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Scott County

Personally appeared before me Andrew Johnson one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for the County of Scott and State of Kentucky Achilles Stapp and Richard Sebree old and respectable citizens of the County and of State aforesaid and made oath they were well acquainted with John Wilhite of the County of Owen and state aforesaid that they knew him in the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War Achilles Stapp states that he served one Tower [tour] with the aforesaid John Wilhite under the command of Captain Robert another stationed at Fredericksburg commanded by General Weden – and from the best recollection that he now has on the subject it was in the year 1779 and he also well recollects that the said John Wilhite served one other Tower of three months in the year 1781 in the Virginia Militia under the command of Captain George Waw and was at the Siege of York when Cornwallis surrendered that place and further he states not. Richard Sebree states that he well recollects John Wilhite that he served with him one Tower in the year 1780 in the Fall of that year and that he was a messmate with said Wilhite during said Tower he states that they were not stationed permanently at any one place but marched to different points to meet the In any. The Captain name was Benjamin Johnson of Orange County Virginia and the Colonel Thomas Barbour of [indecipherable word or words] and from the best of his recollection the Tower was for three months with the Virginia Militia in the year aforesaid and further he says not. Given under my hand this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832.

S/ Andrew Johnson,³ JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There are some ink smudges and a horizontal line drawn below the signature.

[Facts in file: the veteran died January 1, 1837; his only surviving child was Tobias Wilhite; no other family data appears in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

³ The signature below looks to me to be the signature of Andrew Johnson, the 17th President of the US. I could not readily find any information, however, confirming that President Andrew Johnson ever lived in Scott Kentucky or served as a justice of the peace there.