

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Wilkerson S16022

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State of Virginia Buckingham County to Wit

On this 28th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me Robert S. Gary one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Buckingham and as such one of the Justices of the County Court of Buckingham in the State aforesaid (which Court is a Court of record) James Wilkinson a resident in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia, Aged Seventy Eight years, who being 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 That in the Revolutionary War he believes in 1775 or 1776 he enlisted in the County of Amelia, where he then resided under the Command of Capt John Markham of the said County or the County of Cumberland, as a private Soldier, Joseph Scott and [blank space] Cunningham Lieutenants, the officers resided in one of the Counties last mentioned he marched from Amelia, through Chesterfield, to the City of Richmond where he remained several weeks, from thence under the command of the same officers, he marched to the Town of Williamsburg shortly after the evacuation of said Town by Lord Dunmore [8 Jun 1775], in this last tour he served for four months under the command of Patrick Henry; he does not know at this time the commission Henry held at that time [see note below], from Williamsburg he was marched to the Town of Norfolk in the State of Virginia, under the command of Patrick Henry whom I think was Colo, and Maj [Francis] Eppes of the County of Amelia. In Norfolk he remained to the best of his recollection eight months, and then marched back to Williamsburg and there discharged, received a discharge signed as well as he recollects by Maj Eppes which discharge he has long since lost. He then returned home to the County of Amelia, and in the course of three or four months, he was drafted in the State line under the command of Capt. Roland Ward of Amelia, Peter Randolph and John Piede[?] of the said County were Lieutenants, marched from Amelia County to the Town of Hampton, our Commanding officer was Maj'r Thomas Wilson from the said County of Amelia. At Hampton, Gen'l Thomas Nelson commanded, at this place I remained including a small stay at Williamsburg, five months, was then discharged and returned home to the County of Amelia; in this Tour he received a discharge but has lost it nor does he recollect who signed it, in this tour he went also as a private, was in no battle. In the course of six months after he returned home he was drafted and marched under the command of Capt William McDaniel, Colo. Cole I think commanding to Guilford Court House, before he arrived at that place orders were countermanded & he returned home, serving in this tour as well as he recollects four weeks. If he received a discharge he does not now recollect it, in this tour he also served as a private. After remaining at home about three months was again drafted and marched under the Command of Capt. [John] Goodall, Colo. [Holt] Richardson, Colo. [John] Glenn, and Maj. [William] Boyce commanding to Hillsborough North Carolina, at this place he was under the command of Gen'l [Edward] Stevens and Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, by whom he was marched to a small Town, Cambden The famous Battle [of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] here took place in which Gen'l. Gates was defeated, he was in this battle from its commencement to its termination, from this place he was marched under the same officers back to Hillsborough and after remaining at this place five weeks was discharged, having remained in the service six months, received a written discharge signed as well as he recollects by Colo. Richeson or Maj'r. Boyce. He then removed to the County of Hallifax [sic: Halifax] State of Virginia where he remained about fifteen years, from thence he moved to the County of Buckingham, where he has resided ever since; that upon interogatories propounded he states in Answer to the first, that he was born in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia in the year 1755. in Answer to the second he states that he has no record of his age, that he knows of the date of his birth from tradition, in Answer to the third, he states that each time that he was called into the service he resided in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia, since the War of the Revolution he has resided in the Counties of Hallifax, and Buckingham and now resides in the latter County, in Answer to the fourth he states that the first time he went into the service he enlisted, and that he was drafted in the

other three tours, in Answer to the fifth he states as he has before stated that Colo. Henry, Gen'l. Nelson Gen'l. Gates & Gen'l. Stevens &c. in Answer to the sixth he states as he has before that he received two written discharges that he recollects of the first signed by Maj'r Eppes the other signed by Colo. Richeson or Maj. Boyce which has both been lost, As to the seventh, he knows of no one now living that he can prove his service by but as to his character for veracity he refers to all his neighbours as also for general belief that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war, he will name the Rev'd. William Pennil [Pinnil], James Staples, Ambrose Plumkill[?] Charles Hammer Capt. Benjamin P. Walker, Jonathan Christian, Sam'l. T Christian, Maj'r William Duval, Capt. Robert Gary & M. Boaz. he further states that If any of the officers under whom he served are still living their residence is unknown to him, that he resides near Thirty miles from the Court House and from bodily infirmity cannot attend there without great inconvenience to qualify to his declaration for a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or annuity, except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

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NOTE: The Virginia Convention appointed Patrick Henry Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Militia on 6 Aug 1775.