

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wilder S17204

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State of Alabama Shelby County & Circuit Sct.

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Anderson Crenshaw Judge of the Circuit Court in the County aforesaid now sitting George Wilder a resident of the County of Shelby & State aforesaid aged 71 years & will be 72 next March, 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following circumstances; under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia & his father dying about the age of about three years he removed with his mother to the County of Prince William in the same State where he continued to reside until he was a little over 16 years old when he was drafted on and expedition for two months to go towards the North, this was about the time of the Battle of Germantown, for we met the men as they were coming from that place – At the end of that time (two months) the Company were marched home and discharged – he was commanded by Captain Hugh Brent, Lieutenant Henry Hampton, Ensign __ Kincheloe [possibly William Kincheloe]. The Major was James Ewel [James Ewell] & the Colonel of the Regiment Alexander Ewell – He thinks it about three years, after his return home he enlisted for six months under Captain John Brit [John Britt], Lieutenant Farrow, 2nd Lieutenant Stephen Ewell, Ensign Bud Peyton – At the time of the enlistment the Captain seemed to be the highest officer – other Companies were joined in the same way, the object was to joined General Green in the South and at Roanoke Captain Mason's Company from Fairfax joined them, & they proceeded to Hillsboro in North Carolina where they joined General Edward Stephens' [Edward Stevens] Command: they then marched on & joined the forces of General Greene shortly after he joined General Greene, some men were extracted [?] from many companies to go against the Scotch [Scots] at the Wcocomaw [Waccamaw] to prevent their rising, as it was anticipated they might join Tarleton, out of your affiant's Company he volunteered in the expedition as one, John Yancey commanded as Captain, perhaps it was not John, but some other name, as more than one of the name of Yancey belonged to the Army, on this expedition, there was no fighting they returned to Cheraw, where they received orders to go by Hillsboro & take the prisoners then at that place & hastily carry them on to Virginia, so as to fall in with about 500 other prisoners which had been conveyed there, thence they did & came up with the prisoners to the others at Pittsylvania Court-house, at which place the time of service was out & he was discharged, – the prisoners as he understands were conveyed from that place to Winchester.

Very soon after there was a draft but this affiant turned out as a volunteer, to serve under the Marquis de Lafayette two months, his Captain was Charles Shelton, Colonel Elias Edmunds

[Elias Edmonds], he the Colonel belonged to the Regular Service, but he was under his command. After the service of two months he returned home & again upon a call for men he volunteered for two months on the expedition against Little York then in the possession of the British. His Captain was ___ Bailis – they marched from Fauquier to Fredericksburg, from there to Williamsburg where they joined General Washington's Army – & in a few days marched on to York with the Army & was present and engaged in the siege of that place, and was present at the capture of the British Army. Cornwallis delivered up his sword to Washington, very shortly after this the war closed & he was discharged.

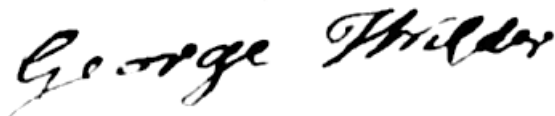
This affiant has omitted stating many little skirmishes & scouts in which he was engaged – & that he served as a Sergeant under Captain Brit [Britt], & also under Captain Shelton, yet he alleges he served in that capacity under both of them, not being willing to become over minute in all the circumstances – He says that at the end of his services, at each time he received a written and honorable discharge which discharge he kept until about 10 years ago, when his house was burned and all most everything in it, among which was burned the discharges aforesaid – He had also a family Register copied in part from his Father's, on which he stood as being born on the 3rd of March 1761 & he has every reason to believe that his age is 71 & will be 72 next March – His Father's Register he knows not what has become of it, it is however not in his power to get it.

He from Prince William Virginia in 1784 removed to South Carolina Abbeville District, in 1808 he removed from there to Madison County in this State, in 1821 he removed from there to this County where he yet resides.

He has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure who can prove his service.

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.

S/ George Wilder

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Wilder". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ George Wilder".

[Joab Lawler, a clergyman and Thomas W White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]