

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Wilson S17205

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John Wilson's Revolutionary War Veterans' Pension Application

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1833 Revolutionary War Pension Application

John Wilson

Service in NC

[penciled note shows he was "born in NC"]

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7.877

Alabama

John Wilson

of Bibb Co in the state of Alabama who was a Private in the compy [company] commanded by Captain Martin of the Regt. commanded by Col Hill in the Militia line for thirteen month, N.C.

\$43.33/100

Inscribed on the Roll of Alabama at the rate of 43 dollars 33 cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15th day of April 1833 and sent to Thos. Crawford, Centreville, Bibb Co. Ala.

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833. -	86.66
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4 Sept. 1833 -	21.66

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108.32

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Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832

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No 17590

No 78.77

Jno Wilson

Bibb Co

Alabama

Adm for 1. year 1. month  
from 1780

43.33

Ths Crawford  
Centreville  
Bibb Co  
Alabama

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Brief in the case of John Wilson  
County of Bibb in the State of Alabama  
Act 7th June, 1832

1. Was a declaration made before a Court or Judge? Court
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disable by bodily infirmity? [blank]
3. How old is he? 72
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period	Duration of Service	Rank	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served
Augt 1780 vol	3 months	Private	Major Davy Capt Martin Genl Sumpter Col Hill
April 1780 vol	10 months		Captn Giles Col Washington & Col Lee

5. In what battles was he engaged? Boons Mills just after the engagement & at Eutaw [Eutaw] Springs

6 Where did he reside when he entered the service? Mecklenburg Co N Car.

7. Is his statement supported by living witness, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Traditionary evidence

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? Correct

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case mentioned.

John Hatcher?  
Examining Clerk

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The State of Alabama

Bibb County

On this the twenty fifth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Crawford Judge of the County Court for Bibb County and the State aforesaid now sitting John Wilson a resident of Bibb County aforesaid aged 72 years the 20th of December next 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 the 7th of 1832

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

That he entered the service in the month of August [should be April] 1780 under Major Davy of the Waxaw [sic, Waxhaw] settlement [Maj. William Richardson Davie of the Waxhaws region of Lancaster county, SC] his captain was Nathaniel Martin and served three months

That he entered the service in April [should be August] 1780 and served ten months under Gen [Thomas] Sumpter Col [William] Hill his Captain was Giles [Capt. James Giles]

That when he entered the service both times he resided in Mecklenburg County in the state of North Carolina

That when he was in the service he (illegible) several counties in North Carolina and (illegible) state of South Carolina

That he was in the Battle at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, SC, 16 August 1780] at the hanging Rock [Battle of Hanging Rock, SC, #1 on 30 July 1780, #2 on 6 Aug 1780] and [illegible] came up to the battle ground at Boonses Mills just as the battle ceased [,] was marched there by Capt Nathaniel Martin [a cavalry officer] and was at the Battle of Eutow Springs [Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC, 8 Sep 1781]

That he was a volunteer at both engagements [enlistments]

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That he was [at Eutaw Springs] with Gen Green [Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene] and his troops and knew him[,] Col. Washington [Lt. Col. William Washington] Gen Sumpter [Brig. Gen. Thomas Sumter,] Col Lee [Lt. Col. Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee]. Col Washington was taken prisoner at the Battle of Eutow [Eutaw] springs in trying to cut off a part of the British part of the light infantry passed(?) through and came round to our troops again

That he has no document evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service

I John Wilson hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory

[signed] John Wilson

sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and date above

Williams Caddell Clerk

We John W(?) Glascock a clergyman residing in the County of Bibb and state of Alabama and Matthew Cox residing in the same state and County of Bibb hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Wilson who has subscribed [illegible] him to be 72 years of age That he is respected and believed on? his neighbors [illegible] where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution That we have never heard the fact disputed and that we concur in that opinion

[signed] John M. Glascock sen  
Matthew Cox

sworn to in open court and subscribed in the day and date above

Williams Caddell Clerk

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After which the following questions were propositioned to the said John Wilson by the Court, To wit, The questions contained in the printed form from the secretary of war in ?? they then st?? as the fo?? the answers of John Wilson on his oath to said questions in order

1st Answer. I was born in Mecklenburg County in the state of North Carolina

2. I have a record of my age in a small book which I now have in Court

3. I was living in the Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina and after the war I moved from there to the state of Georgia and then moved back to Mecklenburg County North Carolina again I then move to the County were I now live in the State of Alabama

4. I volunteered both times as above stated

5. Gen Green Gen Sumpter Col Washington and Col Lee I recolect [sic] the continental and militia troops that I was with as above stated

6. I received a discharge for ten months service from Gel Sumpter which I have either lost or mislaid so I cannot find it I have made diligent search for it amongst my papers \* cannot find it I never recieved [sic] a discharge for the three months service stated above

7. Your Honor Williams Caddell the Clerk of this Court, Noah B.Coker, Joseph Smitherman

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swear to and subscribed in open court the day and date indicate above

Williams Caddell Clerk

We whose names are hereto subscribed declare that we are well acquainted with John Wilson who has subscribed the above declaration. That from his general character which he bears in his neighborhood, his affidavit is entitled to full credit and that we believe he was a soldier of the revolution and that he has born that character in his neighborhood and we have never heard the fact disputed

[Signed] N B Coker  
Joseph Smitherman  
Williams Caddell

I Thomas Crawford Judge of the County Court for Bibb County do hereby certify my opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the above named John Wilson was a revolutionary soldier and served as states And I further certify that it appears to me that John M. Glascock who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the county of Bibb afforesaid and Matthew Cox who signed the same is a creditable person and that their statement is entitled to credit

[signed]

Tho Crawford Judge  
Bibb County Court

I Williams Caddell Clerk of the County Court for Bib [sic] County and said State hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of John Wllson for a pension ?? testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and private seal there being no seal for this office this the 25th day of August 1832  
Williams Caddell Clerk {Seal}

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File No. 17205  
John Wilson  
Pri Rev War  
Act: June 7 32  
Innex: - Vol. 1, Page 413

Arrangement of 1870. [this is in brackets]

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
JOHN GAYLE, GOVERNOR OF SAID STATE  
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME  
KNOW YE, That Thomas Crawford whose signature appears to the foregoing and annexed declaration was at the time of signing the same Judge of the County Court of Bibb County duly commissioned & authorized & that said court is a court of record and also that Williams Caddell whose signature also appears was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the County Court of Bibb County duly commissioned & authorized

THEREFORE, all due faith, credit, and authority are, and ought to be had and given, to all their official acts as such  
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the

State to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in Tuscaloosa, this the 30 day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty-Seventh  
BY THE GOVERNOR John Gayle  
James J. Thornton SECRETARY OF STATE

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BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of Jno Wilson which require further proof or explanation.

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? Yes
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? Yes
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so? [blank]
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? Yes
- V. \*Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? Yes
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? Yes
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? Yes
- VIII. Has the Court given his certificate? Yes
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? Yes
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? Yes

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- XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? Citizens only
- XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? No

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? Yes

XIV. +If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service? [Blank]

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses? [Blank]

Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct? [Blank]

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service? [Blank]

XVI. ++ Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? Yes

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? answered

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

\* QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ months, and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ months and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_; and for such service I claim a pension.

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It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; then names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officer the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed;

that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he as either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

+QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses. who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

++QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

[graphic of finger pointing right] In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

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4 Declarations taken out

The Hon Lewis Bass, sec of War  
Washington City

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The Hon Thomas Crawford

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Answers to the within all to be directed to Centreville

Bibb Cty. Alabama

Thos. Crawford