

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Wilson S18285

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State of South Carolina }
Sumter District }

Personally appeared in open Court on the 31st day of October 1832 The Court of Common pleas now sitting for the District of Sumter aforesaid Thomas Wilson a resident of District aforesaid aged within a few days of Sixty eight years who being duly sworn in open Court according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 This deponent says that he was born on the 22 day of December 1764 in the District aforesaid where he has resided ever since and where he still resides except six years of the time that he lived in adjoining Districts and this deponent further says on Oath that he entered the service of the United States in South Carolina under General [Francis] Marion's Brigade of Militia as a soldier in March or April 1781 that Col. [Richard] Richardson & Lieutenant Col. James and Major [John] Gamble were his Regimental officers, and the Captain John Armstrong and Lieutenants Thomas Bradley and William Lewis were his Company officers that he remained in the service under said officers untill the enemy left Charleston [14 Dec 1782] and afterwards for six months hunting and taking up the Tories who were hiding out in Swamps and Bays and often committing deperadations that in the whole he was in Actual Service Two years and this applicant further says that he was in the Battle at Quinby Bridge [Battles of Quinby Bridge and Shubrick's Plantation, 17 Jul 1781] where Gen'l. [Thomas] Sumter and Marion attempted to dislodge a party of the British on their retreat from Biggum Church near Monks Corner to Charleston [sic: Biggin Church near Moncks Corner, 16 Jul] and this deponent further says that he was taken a prisoner by Colonel Tarleton [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] about a week before Gates defeat near Camden [16 Aug 1780] he not yet 16 years of Age and confined in Camden Jail two Months after that parolled to his Fathers plantation during the war but kept it no longer then the British left Camden [9 May 1781] and this deponent doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension of any agency of the States

Thos. Wilson

[Certified by Samuel Huggins (pension application S18044), who served several tours with Wilson early in his service, and by Robert Roberts (S9468), who served with Wilson in the latter part of his service.]

State of South Carolina

Additions by way of amendment to the declaration of Thomas Wilson for a pension.

On this day 12th day of April Anno Domini 1833 before me William D Martin one of the associate Judges of said state now holding court of common Pleas and Sessions for the district of Sumter, Thomas Wilson who has made the foregoing declaration for a pension, who on being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that as he has sworn in his said declaration, he here again swears that he was in the service for two years as a private soldier.

Further on oath says, that he has a record of his age, which is contained in the old large family bible at his home, that he entered the service as a Volunteer, that he never received a discharge from the Service, and that he names Revd Mr. Harnington, Robert Wilson, Samuel Huggins, (Robert Roberts lately deceased), John Fleming, Henry Cassells & various others who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Thos. Wilson