

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wosson (Wasson) S18670

f21PA[sic, VA]

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State of Ohio, Gallia County: Court of Common Pleas for said County September Term 1832

On this twenty-sixth day of September AD1832, personally appeared in open court before the judges of the C.P. now sitting, William Wosson, a resident of Greenfield in Gallia County and State of Ohio, aged eighty years, and 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 named officers and served as herein stated.

1st: That he volunteered at Bedford, Bedford County in year not recollected, in a company commanded by Captain Davidson, Lt. William Johnson, & Ensign Skinner, Col Smith of same count County; marched for Trenton where I arrived soon after the battle at that place [Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776]; from thence went to Princeton, where they went into winter quarters. The Troops at this station were under the command of Genl Sullivan, Washington being with the main force encamped in the highland above New York. During the winter he was employed in various expeditions; in one to the Raritan River where they had a skirmish with a British vessel. In March he was discharged having served out his enlistment of six months.

2nd: That he was drafted about a year previous to the capture of Cornwallis [Cornwallis and his Army were taken on October 19, 1781 at the conclusion of the Siege of Yorktown] being then a resident of Amherst County, Virginia, into the Virginia State troops and enrolled under the following officers: Captain Edminston, Lieutenant Charles Edmiston & and Ensign not recollected; regimental officers: Colonel William Campbell, Lt. Col. not recollected, Major Edminston, he thinks. That they moved immediately towards Kings Mountain lying he thinks in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina], each man being mounted upon his own horse, except one hundred, who fell in the rear and did not arrive in time to participate in the transactions that ensued. At or near the Fort of Kings Mountain, his Regiment joined the army consisting of four regiments in all, to wit: from Virginia, Colonel Campbell and Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby]; Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] from North Carolina and the Georgia Regiment he thinks under Colonel Williams [James Williams who commanded men from North and South Carolina]. The army was divided into four divisions in order that they might commence attack on all sides at once, and cut off entirely every chance of escape. The enemy consisted of a detachment of British regulars, and a body of Tories all under the command of Col Ferguson or Foggerson [Patrick Ferguson]. Col Campbell's Regiment charged the enemy in front where the contest was very severe. That the British were finally defeated [Battle of Kings Mountain,

October 7, 1780], their commander, Col Ferguson and three hundred of the regulars having been slain, in addition to a large number of their friends the Tories. That the three Edminston's, who were brothers, were slain and the Colonel of the Georgia Regiment, he believes, was also killed. That [several indecipherable words] was his [indecipherable word]¹ in the company, that he served two months this time.

That he was born in Ireland in the County of Antrim; came to Pennsylvania in 1773; removed soon after his first discharged from the Army at Princeton to Amherst County Virginia, where he resided till [he] removed to the state of Ohio about 18 years ago. That he has no documentary proof, having lost both his discharges, never considering that they would ever be of any use to him.

He hereby are 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.

Sworn to and subscribe the day and year aforesaid.

S/William Wasserman, X. his mark

[James Read of Madison in Jackson County and Andrew Faulkner of Greenfield in Gallia County gave the standard supporting affidavit there being no clergyman residing in the veterans Township.]

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The State of Ohio Gallia County Greeting –

Personally came William Wosson of the County aforesaid before me Andrew Faulkner one of the Justices of the Peace for Greenfield Township in the County aforesaid he being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he the said Wosson served for the time mentioned in his Declaration as a private soldier in the Revolution war and further this Deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at my office at the County aforesaid this first day of June 1833

S/ Andrew Faulkner, JP

S/ William Wosson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Pennsylvania and Virginia militia for 8 months.]

¹ James Read was his associate.