

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilson S21581

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State of South Carolina Greenville District } March Term 1833

On this Eighteenth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Josiah J Evans in the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for the said District and State aforesaid now sitting – and

John Wilson a resident of Anderson District and State aforesaid aged Seventy seven years, 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 named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the service in Guilford County North Carolina a volunteer for a six months tour under Capt. Bell [Robert Bell] Col. John Pacely [sic, John Paisley or Peasley] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and marched to the Cherokee nation¹ and served out the tour returned and was discharged at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina – After that, was drafted for a nine months tour was under the command of General Ash [sic, John Ashe] but cannot recollect the other officers, was marched through South Carolina to Augusta in Georgia, from there to Briar-Creek [sic, Briar Creek],² and was in the battle there. Marched from there to the two sisters [Two Sisters ferry on the Savannah River], and was there discharged – after that volunteered in the horse service, for a two months tour, under Capt. James Crump, and marched from Guilford North Carolina to the narrows of the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] and there was stationed to the end of the tour, and was there again discharged. Again volunteered in the Horse service under Capt. George Hamilton, to go in pursuit of the Tories that were collecting on the Yadkin and served about eight or ten days – was several other times after the Tories in the neighborhood but only a few days at a time – that he cannot recollect the times when he entered the service or when he left the same having lost all his papers of that time. That 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.

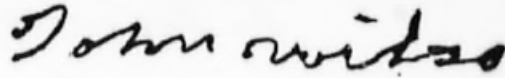
Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Jno Daniel, CCP S

S/ John Wilson

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

² Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

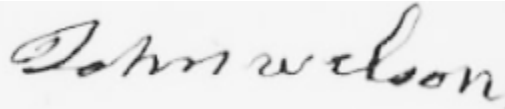


[James Dauthit, a clergyman, and William Holcombe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In answer to the interrogatories³ proposed by the war Department this deponent answers as follows

- 1st. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1755 as I have been informed by my mother.
2. I have no record of my age but have been informed that it was entered in a family Bible and was burned in a schoolhouse.
3. In Guilford County North Carolina. About 4 years after the close of the American Revolution I removed from North Carolina to Pendleton District South Carolina to the plantation I now live on & have occupied ever since I came to the State.
4. I first volunteered – then was drafted and after that volunteered again
5. I do not recollect the names of any of the regular officers I was with regulars at the battle of Brier Creek but do not recollect to what Regiment they belonged –
6. I received several discharges but have lost them all.
7. I have already proved my services as a soldier of the revolution – and I believe that any of my neighbors will testify as to my character for veracity – especially James Dauthit Esquire, Col. John Easley, Major Samuel A Easley, John H Rosamond and John Smith.

S/ John Wilson



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South Carolina Pickens District} Personally came George Adams⁴ before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form that he is personally acquainted with John Wilson of said District and was knowing to said Wilson's Bearing arms in defense of the United States against the British and Tories in the time of the American Revolution and that he served with the said Wilson Nine months at one time as a drafted militia under the command of General Rutherford & Col. John Pacely and that he fought at the battle of brier Creek in company with the said Wilson and under the command of Genl. Ash and that he served a two month volunteer Tower

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁴ [George Adams S16594](#)

[tour] with the said Wilson under the command of Col. Ledbetter and Col. Davidson – James Crump Captain and that he knew of the said Wilson being out on scouting parties at different other times against the British and Tories. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September 1832.

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ George Adams, X his mark

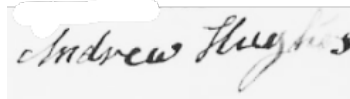
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South Carolina Pickens District} Personally came Andrew Hughes⁵ before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form that he has been personally acquainted with John Wilson from the time they were boys. That he distinctly recollects of being into Campaigns with said Wilson in the time of the American Revolution against the British & Tories. This deponent further says that owing to his extreme age and loss of recollection he cannot now remember the particulars but that he does believe the above oath made by George Adams to be just and true.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18th day of September 1832.

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ Andrew Hughes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Hughes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$58.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months service as a private in the infantry and cavalry of the North Carolina militia.]

⁵ [Andrew Hughes W25805](#)