

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Francis Wylie S21592
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State of South Carolina, Chester District

On this 8th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary Chester District Francis Wylie a resident of State & District aforesaid aged 84 years past in August last past who being 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 entered the Service in Captain John Nixon's Company he thinks in the summer of 1777 or fall thereof marched from Chester District or what is now called Chester District & marched to a place called Lindley's fort against the Indians & Tories & where they had some skirmishing with them the highest officer he thinks was Major Downs [Jonathan Downs] this Tour he did not serve less than one month. Tour Second he marched under Captain John Nixon's Company in the campaign called the Snowy Camps Colonel Richardson was there this campaign he thinks was in the year 1777 and did not serve this Tour less than three months – Tour Third marched under the same Captain John Nixon to Charleston he thinks in the year 1778 there remained till dismissed this Tour he served at least three months – Fourth Tour in the year 1780 Marched under Captain McClure Colonel Lacey to a place called Mobley's Meeting house where they Routed a party of Tories – then under same Captain Col. Lacey – Colonel Bratton & Colonel Hawthorn surprised a party of British & Tories at Williamson's plantation where Captain Hook [sic, Huck] was killed: then under said Captain McClure, Col. Lacey, Col. Neel, General Sumter marched to & was in the Battle of Rocky Mount when Colonel Neel was killed then under same officers marched & was at the Battle of Hanging Rock where his Captain McClure was killed Then under Captain Hugh Knox Colonel Lacey & General Sumter was at the Skirmish or Battle of fish dam ford & then under said officers at Battle of Blackstock's where General Sumter was wounded, then lay at a fort on Turkey Creek to keep down the Tories by patrolling there then erected a Blockhouse at Colonel Lacey's to keep Tories in when taken – at this Tour served at the least seven months – fifth Tour marched under Captain Hugh Knox Colonel Lacey General Sumter to Mason's Church near Moncks Corner South Carolina where they fought with a party of British: the officers there were besides those of his above mentioned was General Marion, Colonel Lee, Colonel Washington – this last Tour served at least four months – Sixth Tour was with General Sumter in what was called his Sumter's Rounds in the State of South Carolina, Skirmish with the British at a place called Granby or Friday's fort – then besieged Thompson's fort & skirmish with the British who was in the fort: then marched to a place called Rights Bluff [Wrights Bluff] where they skirmish with the British Colonel Middleton & Lacey were there there again skirmish with the British below Camden this last he served at least three months these last two Tours was in 1780 or 1781 or in both years & perhaps this last tour or tours was there for some of the others and furlough saith that in all he served at least 21 months and the declarant further says that he feels confident he served a great deal more but cannot recollect the special Tours he further 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 only a State pensioner on the pension roll of South Carolina which pension he is now as he is informed will be paid no longer to him.

Ans 1st Int.: I was born as I have been told in Ireland in the year 1752 the 12 of August

Ans 2nd Int.: I have no record of my Age but I have seen it in my father's Bible before the revolution but not fall or had to hide out his Bible and other things fulfill the British & Tories where it got stolen as he understood

Ans 3rd Int.: I was living in the same place or Neighborhood I now live in which is Chester District and has lived there ever since

Ans 4th Int.: I always volunteered into the Service

Ans 5th Int.: General Sumter, General Marion, Col. Lacey, Col. Hawthorne, Col. Hill, Col. Bratton, Colonel Lee of the Cavalry & Col. Washington of the same, Col. Neel

Ans 6th Int.: I never did receive a discharge but always served out my time nor never was called before Court Martial never took parole or protection from the Enemy

Ans 7th Int.: I will name Colonel George Gill,¹ Joseph Gaston,² James McCaw,³ John Rosborough, John [last name illegible], Colonel James McDowell⁴ and the greater part of the old settlers in this District

Sworn to & subscribed to the day & year above written in open Court before me

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ Francis Wylie, G his mark

South Carolina, Chester District

Personally came James McCaw (a soldier & Whig of the Revolution) in open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District who being duly sworn saith upon oath that he was well acquainted with Francis Wylie the foregoing declarant during the revolutionary war & knew him the said Frances to be a true friend of his Country the United States & knew said Frances Wylie was in much Service & believes his the said Frances Wylie's declaration above to be correct.

Sworn to & subscribed this eighth day of October 1834.

S/ James McCaw

S/ Peter Wylie

South Carolina, Chester District

Personally appeared Joseph Gaston Esq. Soldier and Whig of 1776, and made oath that he was well acquainted with Francis Wylie the present applicant, and his family[:] ever since the year 1775 about November the Snowy Campaign commenced against the Tories under Patrick Cunningham between Broad River and Saluda River in this State (see Robertson History of Gl. Green V. 1 Page 288) there were three or four brothers of this family of Wylies and all were noted for their pursuing [?] faithfully in the service of their Country in the Revolutionary War, and the Statements of Service made by this applicant are undoubtedly true; he is under the time of service rather than over it, as he is of the most unimpeachable Character, and when the last vestige of armed force in S. C. were destroyed by Tarleton's massacre of Col. Buford, over in Lancaster District, in this State about May 1st [?] 1780, this applicant was one of the veteran band of 32 volunteers that joined Captain John McClure a few days afterward, and routed the Tories at Beckhamville and Mobley's Meeting house and never grounded their arms until their State was recovered from the Enemy.

The deponent is satisfied that the said Wylie was with him at Rocky Mount fight July 31, 1780 also at Hanging Rock fight the next week August 7th and at Blackstock's on Tyger River where General Sumter was wounded on the 17th of November 1780.

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of October, 1834 Before me.

S/ Daniel G. Stinson, Q. U.

S/ Joseph Gaston

South Carolina, Chester District

Joseph Morrow a Soldier of the revolution came before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District in open court who upon being duly sworn saith upon oath that he was well acquainted with Francis Wylie within named during the revolutionary war and has been in service therein with said Wylie & knows that said Wylie was in much Service in the said War and is a man of Truth.

Sworn to & signed the 6th day of November 1834 in open Court before me.

1 FPA S21229

2 FPA W23089

3 [James McCaw S18117](#)

4 FPA R6695

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ Joseph Morrow, M his mark