

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wasson S26491

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State of Indiana Wayne County: SS: Be it known that Joseph Wasson a Pensioner of the United States Resident within the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he is entitled to a Pension of \$8 per month on account of wounds and disabilities received in the Revolutionary war, in the United States in the year eighty, 22nd of June, at Ramsour's Mill<sup>1</sup> -- under Major Davison [sic, William Lee Davidson], there commanding and that he cannot draw his aforesaid Pension for want of an original Certificate from the War office, and that he never has yet obtain one, to his knowledge -- and if -- obtained by a friend it has not come to his knowledge. Sworn & subscribed this 4th of July 1818

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and date above written      S/ Joseph Wasson

S/ A. S M. Boyd, JP

Attest:

S/ Henry P. Thornton

S/ John Vawter

January the 15th day 1819

Indiana State Wayne County

Kind friend

I would wish you to do some business for me in the war office if you please, as you have been recommended to be a fit and safe person. I want you to take my Afadevet [sic, affidavit] which I send to you to the war office, and get me an original certificate or voucher, that I may be enabled to draw my pension from the martial of the state for he has refused paying any money to the pensioner's until a voucher is produced. I have seen Mr. Vaulter [?, possibly the "John Vawter" who attested the 1818 affidavit above] some time ago and he said I must send on to the war office for one, and send my affidavit also, that I have never had one or if I had it is lost, and that I could obtain one in this way, this I have done, I gave Mr. Vaulter my affidavit and he has set on for it to the war office, he sent me word the other day that he had never received an answer yet, and he requested me to write on to you and get you to attend to getting me one, that I may be enabled thereby to draw my pension dues.

Sir I hope you will use every exertion in my behalf for which you shall be rewarded.

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, June 20, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

N:B: Sir I want you to bring a date of the last payment that I have received at the treasury in Washington I want you to be very particular in getting this certificate or voucher for me or doing my business for me so that I can get my pension drawn in this state.

S/ Joseph Wasson

To James Noble<sup>2</sup> Esqr. In Congress

[fn p. 8: a letter in the file reads in relevant part as follows:

"On account of disability resulting from wounds received in the service, Joseph Wasson was pensioned from March 4, 1795,<sup>3</sup> and his name was placed on the pension roll of North Carolina. His name was transferred from North Carolina in 1816 to the Indiana pension roll. In 1818, the soldier was a resident of Wayne County, Indiana. He had formerly been a resident of Iredell County, North Carolina. He died July 23, 1822.

"There is no family data, whatever, shown in the claim of Joseph Was no son."]

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<sup>2</sup> **NOBLE, James**, a Senator from Indiana; born near Berryville, Clarke County, Va., December 16, 1785; moved with his parents to Campbell County, Ky., in 1795; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Indiana and settled in Brookville; ferryboat operator; judge; member of the convention to draft the constitution of the State in 1816; member, first State house of representatives 1816; elected as a Democratic Republican (later Crawford Republican and Anti-Jacksonian) to the United States Senate in 1816; reelected in 1821 and 1827 and served from December 11, 1816, until his death; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Fifteenth through Eighteenth and Twentieth Congresses), Committee on the Militia (Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses); died in Washington, D.C., February 26, 1831; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=N000118>

<sup>3</sup> The papers relating to pensions granted prior to 1816 were all destroyed by one of two fires, one in 1800 and the other when the British burned Washington in 1814.