

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wilson S30795

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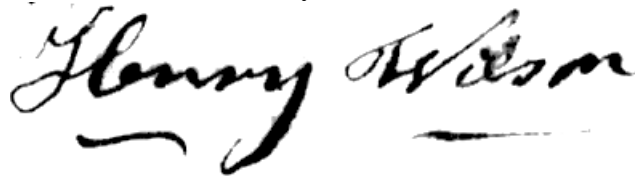
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Montgomery County: On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Montgomery Circuit Court now sitting Henry Wilson a resident of said County & said state aged 72 years who being first 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. I Henry Wilson do hereby declare that I am in my 72nd year of age and I was born in Augusta County and State of Virginia where I resided until the year 1779 I removed to Kentucky and settled with my father at Wilson's Station near Harrodsburg, from where I removed to Bourbon County and in 1830 I removed to Montgomery County where I now reside – my services are as follows, I volunteered as a guard for one month in the militia of Virginia in the fall 1778 in Colonel Fleming's Regiment over some Tories and persons who refused to take the oath of allegiance at Fincastle Courthouse, and in the spring of the year 1780 I served a tour of three months as a Sergeant in Captain George Scott's company of Indian spies in the militia of Virginia, and was stationed the greater portion of the time at McAfee's Station on Salt River and the Callaway the time making scouts to prevent surprises from the Indians, and again in July 1780 I volunteered in Captain John Allison's company under Colonel George R Clark [George Rogers Clark] one tour of three months and marched first to the falls of Ohio and thence up to the mouth of Licking River opposite where Cincinnati now stands, where we met Colonel Logan [Benjamin Logan] the and his men and then marched against old Chilicothe which was burnt, and from thence we marched on to Piqua on the waters of big Miami which we burnt and destroyed their corn, and after I was discharged I again volunteered another tour of three months in Captain Gatliff's [perhaps Capt. Charles Gatliff's] Company as Indian spies and a guard at Bryant's Station [Bryan's Station] (at this place Lieut. James Ray & Lieut. James McCulloch commanded as captains the greater part of the time as Captain Gatliff went home) and at the expiration of my time I was honorably discharged from each of the aforesaid Tours – Again in the fall 1781 I was employed with two others Thomas Wilson & James Ledgwood by Colonel Boone [Daniel Boone] as Indian spies to march up the Kentucky River to intercept some Indians we performed this duty and discovered the Indian camp which was too strong & we returned and upon giving Colonel Logan information of our discoveries I was appointed Captain of a company of men to march up the Kentucky River after the Indians who had removed across near the Cumberland ford where we had a battle with them and lost three of my men. In this service we explored the Head Branches of the Kentucky River and Cumberland and was employed upwards of two months in actual service besides preparation for which I claim another tour of three months, and Again in August 1782, I volunteered in Captain Silas Harlan's company of Colonel Trigg's [Stephen Trigg] Regiment on a tour of three months against the Indians who had besieged Bryant's Station we pursued the Indians to the Lower Blue Licks and I was engaged in

that fatal battle [August 19, 1782] when the Indians defeated us with great slaughter, and we were compelled to retreat, and again volunteered in another expedition against the Indians on a three months tour in the fall (under Colonel George R Clark) of the same year I volunteered in Captain Kenton's [Simon Kenton] Company and marched against a town of Indians called New Chilicothe or Piqua on the Great Miami which place we took and burnt having in each of the above campaigns acted as a Sergeant in my company. In the spring 1781 I performed a tour of one month as an Indian spy and Sergeant at Armstrong's near Warwick and at Captain John Arnold's where I faithfully perform my duty and was honorably discharged making in the whole service as above twenty-three months actual service. I have long since lost my discharges and I hereby relinquish all claim to a pension except the present and I am not now a pensioner of this State nor any State. In 1782 in May I was upon another expedition of two months against the Indians who had attacked McAfee's Station. In fact from the time I came to Kentucky in the fall 1779 until the close of the Revolutionary war I was constantly engaged as a soldier in the militia of Virginia & as an Indian spy as I went upon every expedition against the Indians that was ordered from this section of country I lived in which would amount to three years from October 1779 to October 1782. As I was constantly engaged either as a spy or guard during the whole time because when ever permitted to be at home it was under the state of constant preparation as we were constantly in forts or stations and attended to no other business. I further state that I never received any pay for all the services I performed in the Western country and the greater part of the time (except when at the forts and stations I had to find my own provisions). In the spring 1781 I was engaged as an Indian spy in the neighborhood of Lexington to guard a company who were killing the provision for an expedition which was preparing to go against Detroit. I was ordered out by Colonel Trigg and in this service I was engaged upwards of two months more, which I omitted in the aforesaid declaration. Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832.

Sworn to and subscribed to this 3rd day of September 1832 in open Court  
S/ James Howard, Clerk MCC

S/ Henry Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There are two horizontal lines drawn below the signature, one on the left and one on the right, extending from the ends of the signature.

Mercer County viz.: This day General James Ray<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County personally appeared before me a Justice and Judge of the County Court of Mercer and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare – I James Ray state that I have this day read the declaration on the other side of this paper made by Henry Wilson with whom I am well acquainted and he is now Present before me. I became acquainted with the said Henry Wilson in the year 1779 when he first came to Kentucky, and I know that was stationed as a guard at McAfee's Station, and also at Bryant's Station which I was myself stationed in Gatliff's Company when he was a Sergeant, also he was in the expedition against the Indians and in the Battle of the Blue Licks and also on Clark's Campaign in the fall 1782 against the Indian town on the Big Miami and I also know that said Henry Wilson was always ready and I believe was engaged in the militia service of the state of Virginia at all times which was in fact a state of constant hostility against the Indians, I have often heard said Wilson speak of his services and I have no doubt that he was engaged in all the

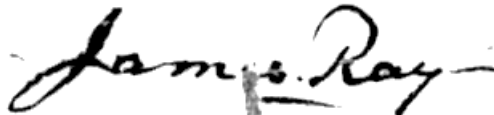
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<sup>1</sup> FPA S31314

services he has detailed as I know that the services were performed which he has spoken of although I was not present with General Clark in 1780 or with said Wilson but I have a knowledge of all these events, and I do not hesitate to state that all his services were performed according to my best belief and those I have particularly named I was myself along at the time.

Witness my hand this 17th day of August 1832

S/ James Ray



Montgomery County State of Kentucky: SS

This day 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1833 Personally appeared in open court before the honorable Silas W Robbins the Judge of the Montgomery Circuit Court now sitting James Anderson<sup>2</sup> who being first sworn doth on his oath say that he became acquainted with Henry Wilson sometime in the year 1779, shortly after my arrival in this Country. I can say with certainty that said Wilson performed some of the tours he has named in his declaration (to wit) one to Pickaway [Piqua] as he has set forth as I was personally present which I think took place in 1780 in the summer as I recollect their corn was in rostinears [roasting ears?]. I can speak also with certainty as to a tour of three months at Bryant's station under Captain Gatliff & Lieutenants Ray & McCullough. I can also speak with certainty as to the services of said Wilson performed in guarding the hunters while laying in provision for the contemplated Expedition against Detroit. Then said to Wilson was resident at Lexington Kentucky. I also know of a Tour said Wilson performed in 1782 to New Chilicothe which I have heard read in his Declaration. I have also a personal knowledge of the tour to the Blue Licks in August 1782. I from a long and well tried acquaintance with said Wilson do not hesitate to say he has performed all the services he has set forth in his declaration. But can speak with absolute certainty as to those I have named above having a perfect knowledge of them myself. I would further say that said Wilson [words too faint to discern] continue [continuance] of the Indian War or the Revolution Struggle was at all times ready and willing to perform his Duty as a soldier in fact he served a part of the time as an officer as he was well qualified to command a company as I then thought. He however served as Sergeant in the tour at Bryant Station named in his declaration also on campaign and the year 1780 & also the one at New Chilicothe and so far as I know Discharged his duty faithfully as it was in accordance with his general conduct during our troubles in this Country. Witness my hand and Seal

S/ James Anderson, A his mark

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Thomas Moore<sup>3</sup> also an aged soldier of the Revolutionary War, This day also personally appeared before me a Justice & Judge of the said County of Mercer and under oath declares as follows viz. That I am well acquainted with Henry Wilson of Montgomery County who is now present before me and I have also heard read the statement made by him and I know that said Henry Wilson was in Colonel Clark's campaign against the Indians on the Big Miami in the year 1782 in the fall of that year, and I have no doubt that all the services he has detailed were performed by him as I know he was in the country and we were engaged in a constant warfare with the Indians either as guard or spy at the different stations in the country. The said Wilson

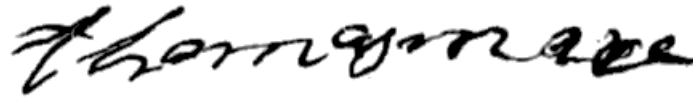
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<sup>2</sup> [James Anderson S30827](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA W564

was always regarded as a good soldier and a man of veracity and I have often heard him speak of his services soon after they were performed. Witness my hand this 17th day of August A.D. 1832

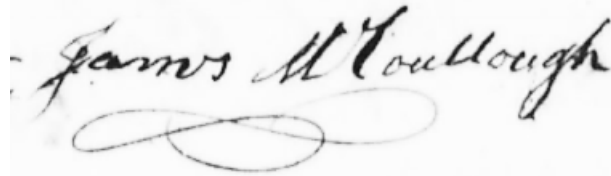
S/ Thomas Moore



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Montgomery County & Circuit viz.: On this 3rd day of September 1832 Captain James McCulloch<sup>4</sup> came into open court and made oath to the following statement being first sworn according to law – I James McCulloch declare that I am well acquainted with the aforesaid Henry Wilson who resides in Montgomery County at this time – my acquaintance commenced in 1779 when the said Wilson first came to Kentucky and I know that said Wilson served a tour with Colonel Clark against old Chilicothe in July & Piqua in August 1780 said Wilson was a Sergeant in Allison[']s Company and acted as a faithful soldier during said campaign. I also know of his being on a tour of duty at Bryant's Station as a Sergeant as I commanded him as Lieutenant and he acted as a faithful soldier. I also know that he was on a tour at the Battle of the Blue Links, and I have no doubt that said Wilson performed the services he has detailed as I know he was in service which was a constant state of warfare with the Indians as long as the revolutionary war continued and the said Wilson has always been considered a man of truth, and I have often heard said Wilson speak of his services soon after they were performed as he has detailed them. Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ James McCoullough



[Peter Hon, a clergyman, John Craig, a clergyman, and Jack Powell [?] gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Montgomery County: SS

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before me Silas W Robbins the sole and presiding Judge of the County & Circuit of Montgomery now sitting Henry Wilson aged 72 years as stated in his original declaration residing in Montgomery County Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath in open court make the following supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

He states from his great age and consequent loss of memory he is unable to state the precise time as to the particular day of the month but as to the year he says he cannot be mistaken. And says that in the fall of 1778 he started on a tour of three months as a drafted soldier (in the state and County as stated in his original declaration) in Colonel Fleming's Regiment but at the end of one month he states he was discharged by Colonel Fleming but have

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<sup>4</sup> Sic, [James McCoullough \(McCollock\) S30570](#)

lost it.

And he further states that in the spring of 1781 he served another tour of three months as a Sergeant and volunteer in Captain George Scott's company of Indian spies as stated in his original Declaration. And again in July succeeding he states he served another of three months (or started in July) as a volunteer and Sergeant in Captain J. Allison's company & Colonel G. R. Clark's Regiment of Virginia as stated in his original [declaration] and was regularly discharge but has lost it. (He says he received his discharge for this tour from Allison). And again at the end of the last three months he states he served another Tour of three months as a volunteer and first Sergeant in Captain Charles Gatliff's company & Colonel Trigg's Regiment and stationed most of the time at Bryant's Station as set forth in his original declaration. And again the fall of 1781 he states he volunteered for one month and served under the command of Colonels Boon & Logan and made the discoveries as set forth in his original declaration. And so soon as he returned home and discharged from that Tour, he states he was appointed a Captain of a company to perform the Tour as set forth in his original declaration and served that length of time as stated in his original declaration (to wit) three months. And again in 1782 in August (the day not recollected) he states he served another Tour of 3 months as a volunteer in Captain Harlin Company & Colonel Trigg's Regiment as set forth in his original declaration on this Tour he served as a private. And again in the fall of the same year he states he served another Tour of three as a volunteer under Simon Kenton as Captain & Geo. R. Clark as Colonel. On this tour he states he acted also as a Sergeant as stated in his original declaration. And at the end of each of the above Tours he states he was honorably Discharged by his Captain but has also lost them. And he also remembers of another tour of one month as a Sergeant of a company of men to act as spies and Rangers and at the end of this time he states he was also discharged by Captain Allison as he thinks. For particulars see original declaration. Again he states that in May he acted as a volunteer under Captain J. Allison and served two months in 1782 as stated in his original declaration. On this tour he says he went as a private soldier. And he also remembers of another tour of two months he served as an Indian spy in the spring of 1781 as set forth in his original Declaration. At the end of his Tour he says he also received a discharge from Colonel Trigg but have also lost it. He also now remembers of another Tour not named in his original declaration in the fall of 1782 of two weeks as a volunteer in Captain James Kingcade's [James Kincaid's?] company of the Indian spies to pursue some Indians who had fired on Harbison's Stationed and as he served so short a time he thought it unnecessary to say anything about it he says as he said in his original [declaration] that it was one continual season [?] of warfare from the fall of 1779 until the close of the revolutionary war and since he has no opportunity to raise corn or do anything else but to attend to the calls of the Government which he did on all occasions. And says that putting all his tours together it will amount to not less than twenty-five months for which he claims a pension. He also states the reason why he had not given in his original declaration the names of any person that could state as to his character for veracity Mr. McAfee drew it and never said anything in relation to the importance of that matter. He however will now name John Craig a clergyman residing in Montgomery County Kentucky & B. F. Thomas residing in the same and also in his neighborhood and can testify as to his character for veracity & also as to the opinion of the neighborhood as his having been a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Wilson {Seal}

[John Craig, a clergyman, and Benjamin F Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$93.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private and 10 months service as a Sergeant in the Virginia militia.]