

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Wilkerson S31482

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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge: Sct

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court Francis Wilkerson a resident of Breckenridge County in the State of Kentucky aged about 71 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 or 1779 with Captain John Farrow and served in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line [sic, North Carolina line] under the following named officers -- Captain John Farrow [John Farrar?] with whom he enlisted was taken sick & succeeded by Captain __ Goodman [probably William Goodman] -- Major Robert Nelson [sic, probably an erroneous reference to John Nelson] -- Colonel Archibald Lytle who acted in that capacity for a short time and whose place was filled by Colonel William Thaxton [probably an erroneous reference to James Thackston] And the name of the Brigadier General was __ Ash [sic, John Ashe]. He enlisted for nine months but served twelve months before he was discharged. He enlisted in Granville North Carolina where he then lived and rendezvoused at Hillsboro North Carolina. He was engaged in the battle of Bryers Creek [sic, Briar Creek²] and had frequent skirmishes with the Tories & British. He marched with the troops to which he belonged through North Carolina South Carolina & Georgia and was discharged by his Captain - - Goodman at Black Swamp in South Carolina. He was promised bounty land but never got it. He moved from Granville County North Carolina into Breckenridge County Kentucky. He further states that he enlisted for another term of two months in the United States service Horse Troops in a short time after the expiration of the above mentioned tour with Captain Joshua Coffee. He does not remember the Regiment to which he belonged he served under the following named officers -- Captain Joshua Coffee -- Major __ Taylor -- Colonel Philip Taylor but when they joined the Army he was under the command of Colonel Washington. He lived in Granville North Carolina when he enlisted but formed the Junction with the other troops in South Carolina.

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² March 3, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

He was engaged this tour in fighting & hunting the Tories who were commanded he thinks by ___ Lynes. He obtained a regular discharges for both terms of service but they have been both lost or destroyed for many years. He has no documentary evidence whatever to prove his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services except Buckner Rooks who is now in competent to give testimony having lost the use of his recollection reason etc. but who some years ago deposed in this Court to his service a copy of which will be forwarded here with and by Robert P.. Pool in the County of Breckenridge & State of Kentucky.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Wilkerson, X his mark

And the said Robert P. Pool came into Court and made oath in open court that during the revolutionary war at the above named applicant lived in the same neighborhood with his Father. He knows that he was enlisted and went out into the Army, and was absent from the neighborhood. That he believes after he had been gone about two months he came back into the neighborhood again on furlough. And returned to the Army and did not get back home again for upwards of 9 months that he was always reputed to have been in the revolutionary war and to have served out the tours stated in his declaration as aforesaid -- And the said Robert P. Pool further states that Buckner Rooks whose testimony is referred to in the above declaration is incompetent to give any testimony that he has lost his recollection and reason and cannot remember anything correctly.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert P. Pool

[Stephen P. Pool gave a substantially identical affidavit to that given by Robert P. Pool.]

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State of Kentucky to wit

At a County Court continued by adjournment and held for the County of Breckenridge at the Courthouse in Hardinsburg on Tuesday the 16th day of September 1823, and in the 23rd year of the Commonwealth were present Thomas Orsen, James H. Moorman, Nathan V. Anderson "Francis Wilkerson introduced Buckner Rooks,³ to prove his services in the revolutionary War, who after being duly sworn deposed and saith, That he was well acquainted with the above named Francis Wilkerson, and that they both enlisted at the same time under the said Farrow -- and that they were messmates during the 9 months. And that he knows that he was discharged at black Swamp. And that he was in the battle of Bryer Creek, and he further states that the said Wilkerson done his duty while in service. And after the expiration of the 9 months, he was discharged with honor."

A true copy from the records of my office

Attest S/ Jo. Allen, Clk Breckenridge County Court

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 11 months service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]

³ I could find no application for a federal pension filed by men of this or any similar name based on service in the North Carolina line. Consequently, this may be the only record of this veteran's service in the revolution.