

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Wilkinson (Wilkerson) S32078

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On the 12th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before the inferior Court for the County & State aforesaid now sitting for ordinary purposes Elisha Wilkinson a resident of Captain Newell's District in the County & State aforesaid aged sixty-nine 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 in the Militia of the State of Virginia at Sussex Court house in Sussex County as a soldier under the command of Captain Green Hill Lieutenant John Freeman Ensign John Tyas [?] Major Jarrold Col. Joseph Jones & General Lawson in the month of November 1780 was marched from Sussex Court house where he entered the service to Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] drew arms & was marched from there to Babbs old field seven miles from Hampton Road was stationed there until orders were received the marched to Petersburg Virginia where he was discharged having served six weeks & three days the first three days as a private & the balance of the time as a Corporal.

That he again entered the service on the 4th day of January 1781 as a substitute in the place of Simon Shell of the State of Virginia Brunswick County at Thomas Bolings Onrd [Ordinary] or the Sing [?] Onrd [Ordinary] & remained there three or four days was marched through Petersburg from thence through Cabin Point from thence to Babbs old field under the command of Colonel Meriwether Major Nathaniel Lucas Captain Edmon Wilkins Lieutenant Joel Wilkins, Ensign Thomas Cock served until the 15th day of April 1781 as second Sergeant at which time he was discharged having served three months & eleven days.

And that he again entered the service on the 13th or 14th day of July 1781 at Sussex Court house in Sussex County State of Virginia under the command of Colonel Benjamin Blount Major William Boys [William Boyce?] Capt. Starling Howell Lieutenant Gardner Howell Ensign William Magit [?] was marched on the next day to Baker's old field thirty-five miles from Sussex Court House & remained there eight or ten days; & was then placed in a light Horse Company under the command of Captain James Vaughn & was marched from thence to Hall's Mill Virginia & was stationed there ten or fifteen days, & marched from thence to Portsmouth & remained until the 28th of August 1781 – was sent by Colonel Benjamin Blount to Sussex Court house in Sussex County Virginia with an express to Colonel David Mabin of Sussex County – returned & joined the Army at old Jamestown where he was discharged having served one month & fourteen days in the last time of service.

And altogether six months & fourteen days as aforesaid.

1st Was born in Sussex County State of Virginia in the year 1763.

2nd Does not know that there is any Record of his age.

3rd. When first called into service lived in Sussex Virginia until the year 1789 – removed to Dinwiddie lived there 5 years – removed from there to Mecklenburg County Virginia remained there until the year 1807 – removed to the State of Georgia Franklin County the place of his present residence & has resided there ever since.

4th. The first & third term of his service he was drafted or served by his number as called on – the second term of service was as a substitute in in the place of Simon Shell

5th Recollects Colonel Rolly Downman Major Lucas of the regular officers as well as those named in the foregoing declaration which he served under

6th Received no written discharge

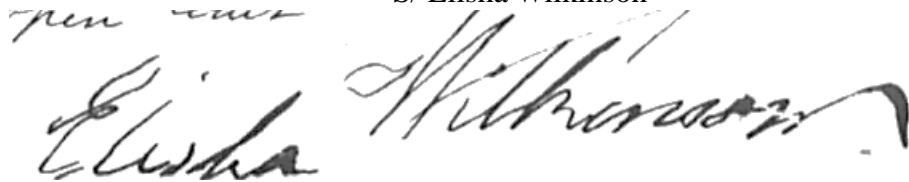
7th Known to Colonel Lewis D Holsonbake, Thomas Farmer Esquire who resides in his neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & belief of his having served as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the date above written.

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ Elisha Wilkinson

pen roll


[Thomas Farmer, Lewis D. Holsonbake and Matthew W. Vandiver, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Franklin County: SS

Be it known, That before me James Attaway, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Elisha Wilkinson who has subscribed and sworn to Declaration number 19597 – who being duly sworn deposes and saith, That he never received any Sergeant's Warrant, but acted as Sergeant without any written warrant. And affiant further saith that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person (within his power to procure) by whom he can prove his services – except what is contained in his said declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this first day of May 1833

S/ James Attaway, JP

S/ Elisha Wilkinson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 10 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]