

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wilkins S32605

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State of Indiana Park County: Park Probate Court November Term 1833

On this 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of Probate in and for the County of Park aforesaid now in session; before Daniel M. Morris [?] Probate Judge in and for the said County George Wilkins aged seventy-five years eight months and six days, 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. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1782 with one John McNeese [also spelled John McNees] a recruiting officer under General Greene at the County and Town of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, that he enlisted under said McNeese a few days before Christmas in the year of 1782 as he believes, in the Town of Halifax aforesaid, (though he cannot state positively as to the year) but is certain that it was a few days before Christmas, that about twenty others persons went from said Town of Halifax with said McNeese to the Town of Salisbury in said State, and there a number of others joined us, and went through Camden and crossed the Catawba River at Camden, though at that time the town was burnt by the British, we continued and marched through Orangeburg & Jacksonborough till we came to General Greene's Army at the Pond Ponds [Edisto] in South Carolina, which we reached a little after New Year's following, we were then put in a company commanded by Clemons Hall [sic, Clement Hall, Junior] Captain and Clarke was Lieutenant, I understood that we were placed in broken companies for the purpose of filling them up and he is certain that this was after they Battle at the Eutaw Springs,² one Ivey [probably Curtis Ivey or Ivory] was adjutant a while for the Battalion, and one Bush [probably John Bush] the remainder of the time, and one Thomas Piatt [Thomas Pyatt?] a one-handed man, was our commissary.. And that he belonged to the 2nd Battalion of the North Carolina line and a number of the Regiment he cannot state, but thinks that he heard him say that Colonel Lytle his Colonel commanded the first Regiment but that said

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² September 8, 1781

Lytle did not serve all the time, but went home to Hillsborough in Orange County NC and one Dickson [sic, probably Henry Dixon] served as Colonel a part of the time, and one John Armstrong was Colonel at the time he was discharged, one Danahoe [sic, Thomas Donoho] acted as Major a part of the time, his Christian name not recollected. We went from the Pond Ponds to Ashley Hill and stayed there until peace was proclaimed, we then marched to Charlestown, this was not done until we was disbanded, and his time out, that he enlisted for, he enlisted for twelve months which expired a few days before he heard of Peace, he served about twelve or fifteen days besides the twelve months that he enlisted for. That he received a written discharge from Colonel John Armstrong which he sold to one William Ray who was a tax gatherer in Orange County NC a few days after he returned from the Army -- for the sum of \$5 said Ray came on him for his tax and he had nothing else to pay or give him to pay his tax and said he would take his Discharge, which he has not seen since that time. And that he knows of no person living that he can prove his service by. He hereby 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, or (if any) only on the Agency of the state of North Carolina, and he makes the following answers to the questions propounded to him by the court, That he was born in Philadelphia County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 6th day of March 1758. That he has no record of his age but that there was one in his Father's Family Bible, that is in Orange County North Carolina, which record he has seen frequently, That he was living in Orange County NC when he was called into service, but head went into Halifax County at the time he met the aforesaid McNeese, that he lived in North Carolina until the year 1816, he moved into West Tennessee and lived there six years, and then moved into East Tennessee and lived there three years, and then moved into the State of Indiana. That he enlisted in the service of the US under the said McNeese as a volunteer as he said he wanted men to go and fill up the ranks of those companies that were broken. That among the officers that he has mentioned, was one Captain William Little [sic, William Lytle] who was a Brother to the Colonel Little [sic, Colonel Archibald Lytle] and that there was an officer by the name of Captain Braverd [sic, probably Alexander Brevard] and that he cannot state any other circumstances of his service than those stated before.

That he received a written discharge from Colonel John Armstrong which went the way that he has before stated, That the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and as to their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, are Wesley Cape and Isaac Cape, and that he cannot produce any minister of the Gospel can testify as to his character and belief of his services in the Revolution for he knows of no Preacher of the Gospel that could testify to the same, he has himself been a Preacher of the Gospel in the Methodist Church for thirty years past, But he has only been in this Country for two years and a few months, and on account of his health has not attempted to Preach but seldom, and has formed but few acquaintances.

Sworn to in open Court November 12th 1833

S/ Jno. G. Davis, Clk

S/ George Wilkins

[Isaac Cape & Wesley Cape gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois County of Fulton: SS: On this 10th day of March A.D. 1852 before H M Wead, a Notary Public within & for the County & State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Wilkins, who being sworn says upon his oath that he is informed & believes that a Pension was allowed by the United States about the year A.D. 1832 to one George Wilkins for services as a

soldier in the Revolutionary War and that he drew the money on said Pension for about 2 years when he died in Parke County, Indiana, where he resided at the time of the allowance of said Pension, that at the time of the death of said George Wilkins, he left several children and 7 grandchildren, said grandchildren being the children of one James Wilkins, who died a short time before the said George Wilkins, that the names of such grandchildren R. Thomas Wilkins, who is this deponent, George Wilkins, William Wilkins, Benjamin Wilkins, the John Wesley Wilkins, Polly Kent and Betsy Matheny, all of home are now living, that the number of children of the said George Wilkins was 6 and that this affidavit is made for the purpose of procuring such part of said Pension as may be due to him under the laws of the United States.

S/ Thomas Wilkins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]