

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wiggs S32608

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State of Illinois Johnson County: April Term of the Circuit Court 1833

On this 26th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared before Thomas C. Browne Judge of the Circuit Court now in Session for said County William Wiggs Resident of the County of Johnson & State of Illinois of the age of seventy-five 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. This declarant states that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year A.D. 1775 or about that time it was at the commencement of the war as well as this declarant can now recollect & served a tour of duty of 35 days under the Command of William Fellows a Capt. & Jacob Hooks Lieut. the company was ordered from Wayne County in North Carolina to guard the Town of Brunswick against the British: the next tour of duty that this declarant done was, he volunteered his services in the defense of the United States for five months under the Command of Capt. John Canada [John Kennedy] & as well as this declarant can now (at this distant period of time) does recollect the staff officers were Generals Ashe [John Ashe] & Briant [William Bryant], we marched into South Carolina there I took sick & was sent back to Augusta in Georgia, & was there sick at the time of the defeat at Briar Creek;<sup>1</sup> I next volunteered my services as a substitute for my uncle John Wiggs for a tour of duty for three months under the command of Capt. Joseph Sessions, during this time I was at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]<sup>2</sup> in North Carolina where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commanded, during all this time I never stood a draft, but always volunteered my services in behalf of my Beloved Country for the cause of liberty which I yet hold dear & I shall feel grateful to my Country for which I fought for any assistance she may render me in the decline of my life: I am now poor & unable to work I have lost that precious [indecipherable word] my eye sight. For these several tour of duties which I have here related I received from my commanding officers Honorable discharges, but time & accident (not thinking that they would ever be of material service) had destroyed them. This declarant does not recollect any particular Regiment to which he belonged during his whole service, nor any other officers except those already mentioned. This declarant states that he was born in North Carolina, in the year 1758, or as near that time as he now can recollect from traditionary circumstances. I have no record of my age & when I joined the Army of the United States I lived with my Father in Wayne County North Carolina, since the Revolution I moved into the State of

<sup>1</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

Tennessee from thence I moved to Kentucky, from thence into the State of Illinois in Johnson County where I now live, & I am acquainted with Hezekiah West, James Jones Senior & John Sims previous of my present neighborhood, who can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my Service as a soldier of the Revolution. This declarant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Wiggs, X his mark

[Hezekiah West, a clergyman, & James Jones Senior and John Sims gave the half standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30.56 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 5 days in the North Carolina militia.]