

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Wiley S3555

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State of Tennessee Anderson County }

On this 8th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me John Chiles one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Alexander Wiley a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-eight 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 the 1832.

Viz., he volunteered under Captain Atkinson [John Atkinson] in the year 1776 and was attached to a Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Folsom [Ebenezer Folsome] and served six months in the Army of the United States under the above named officers that he entered this service in Orange [County] in the State of North Carolina and marched to Cross Creek now called Fayetteville in the said State that he marched through Hillsboro crossed Haw River Deep and Little Rivers on his way and served out the six months in Cumberland and the adjoining counties and returned home about the last of November or the first of December and then received ^{a discharge} from Captain Atkinson which is lost or misplaced so that he cannot find it.

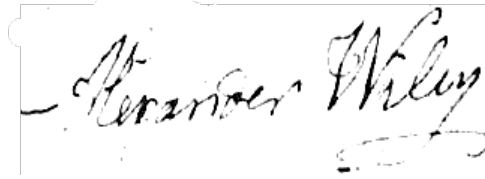
And also in the year 1781 he again volunteered under Captain William Sanders for a tower [tour] of three months and was attached to the Regiment of Militia under the command of Colonel William Moore who had recruited some troops for the purpose of meeting Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] when on his way from the South -- That he entered the service in Guilford County and State of North Carolina and served there about 3 weeks and was ordered home by Colonel Moore to shoe horses for the Army at his own shop and do blacksmith work for the neighborhood who was then destitute of a workman the remainder of the troops remained in Guilford County and there about till after battle [Battle of Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781] and that he received a discharge for his service from Colonel Moore after he returned home and that shortly after the battle of Guilford but he cannot now find his discharge -- and some time in the summer of 1781 he was drafted to go to the South for the purpose of suppressing the British & Tories but was ordered to the public shops by Colonel William Moore to do blacksmith work -- for the Army of the United States. That he worked in Caswell County in State of North Carolina one part of his time and was then ordered to Guilford County in the said State that he worked under the directions of Quarter Master John Rutherford for the term of 3 months and was discharged by the said Rutherford in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina but has lost or misplaced this discharge also so that he cannot find it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and

declares that his name has not been enrolled thereon as a pensioner of any agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid
S/ John Chiles

S/ Alexander Wiley

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alexander Wiley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Gamble and Robert Galbraith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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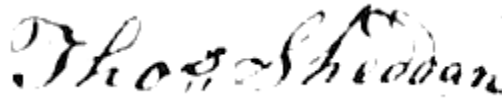
State of Tennessee Anderson County}

This day personally appeared before me John Chiles 1 of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Thomas Sheddan and made the following certificate

That I do certify that I was personally acquainted with the above named applicant Alexander Wiley at the time of performing the above mentioned 6 months term of service and know of my own personal knowledge that [he] entered the service as he states and returned home after the end of the 6 months and I then left that country before the other named towers [tours] were performed but believe he did perform them from his own statements and the statements of many others of his neighbors who were well acquainted with him and I believe him to be of the age of 78 as he states and that he is a man of good moral character and that full credit Should be given to his statements. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of September 1832

S/ John Chiles, acting Justice
of the peace for Anderson County

S/ Thos. Sheddan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Sheddan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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This day personally appeared before me John Chiles one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County the above named applicant Alexander Wiley and in order to amend the foregoing declaration made oath that he has no documentary evidence of his service as a soldier of the revolutionary war, and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove the said service and that he has addressed all the testimony that is in his power that he has no record of his age but has learned from his mother that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania and County of Cumberland in the year of our Lord 1754.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833.

S/ John Chiles, JP

[p 3: Certificate dated July 26, 1833 from the Secretary of War stating that Alexander Wiley, a pensioner of the United States is entitled to a pension of \$31.66 per annum paid semiannually beginning March 4th, 1831. At the top of this document is another document indicating that Martha Wiley is the widow and relic of Alexander Wiley.]

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Personally appeared in open Court James Nowell & Elizabeth Nowell who upon their oaths say that Martha Wiley who is named in the within certificate is the Identical Widow and Relic of Alexander Wiley deceased who was a Pensioner of the US and that he departed this life in this County on the 24th of July last, and ordered by the Court to be certified.
Given under my hand & public seal this 29th of August 1833 at Office in Clinton.

S/ C. J. Dozier, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 9 months & 13 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]