

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Wilson S35727

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Clarke [sic: Clark] County Sct

On this 24th day of January 1824, personally appeared in open Court, being the County Court of said County and being a Court of record, created by the laws of said state James Wilson, aged sixty one years on the 12th day of March 1824 and now and for the last twenty years an inhabitant and citizen of the County aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th march 1818 and the 1st may 1820, that he the said Wilson enlisted for the term of three years on the 28th day of march 1781 at Frederick Town in the State of Maryland, in the company commanded by Capt Riley (whose Christian name he thinks was Edward) in the regiment commanded by Col William Adams [Peter Adams?] and in the Brigade of Brigadier General Mordecai Gist in the line of the State of Maryland on the Maryland continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps untill the 3^d day of November 1783 when he was discharged from the said service in Frederick Town in the State of Maryland – that he obtained a certificate of his discharge from the proper officer, which certificate he has since lost – that he was at the siege of York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and while at said siege and until he was discharged the said company was commanded by Capt. M. Belt – and that he was not in any other battle – and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said service except his brother in law Samuel Constable, who lives in the State of Illinois, and upwards of three hundred miles from this Delarant’s residence – and that owing to the poverty and age and infirmity of this Declarant he is unable to procure the deposition of said Constable to establish his enlistment and service aforesaid.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st may 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit.

Two cows worth \$15 each	\$30.
Nine head of sheep worth \$1. ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀ each	13.50
Four hogs worth in all	5.—
A cupboard worth	6.—
A little spinning wheel “	2.—
A Big “ ” “	1.—
A reel “	1.—
Half dozen plates “	.62½
Half dozen liverpool china tea cups & saucers worth	.75
One pitcher “	.62½
One table “	1.
One windsor chair “	1.50
Two split bottom chairs worth 50 cents each	1.—
One churn worth	.75
One washing tub “	1.—
Two piggins worth 37½ cents each	.75
One pail “	.50

One dutch oven	“	2.—
One pot	“	.50
One coffee pot	“	.25
Tea pot	“	1.—
One skillet	“	.75
One smoothing iron	“	.75
Two axes worth each \$1. ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀		3.—
One iron wedge	“	.50
One big barshear plow worth	“	5.—
One one-horse plow	“	1.50
One shovel plow	“	1.—
Two hoes worth fifty cents each		1.—
One sett of plow gear	“	<u>3.—</u>
		\$87.25

My necessary clothing & bedding are excepted in this schedule.

Robert Barnes owes me \$30. and I owe James Kelly \$30. for the rent of the land I now live on.

No one else owes me and I believe I owe no other debt.

The Declarant further states that he is a common laborer and without any mechanical occupation, as he never learned any trade. that he is infirm and not able to work and has the following children living with him: to wit – Thomas Wilson, aged sixteen years; Moses Wilson aged ten years; Rachel Wilson aged twenty three years Elizabeth Wilson aged thirteen years, Susan Wilson aged five years. That he has a wife aged forty eight years and in good health and his children are also healthy – and the declarant states that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country or public or private charity.

Sworn to and declared on the day and year first above mentioned before the Court aforesaid

James hisXmark Wilson