

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Turner Wilkerson S3601

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State of Tennessee Smith County: On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, having a Clerk and County Seal, present John Chambers, Zachary Ford & Isaac Goodall members of the Court Turner Wilkinson [sic], a resident of said County, aged about 74 years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein after stated. That in the year 1776 he enlisted for the term of twelve months (in the County of Henrico and State of Virginia) under Captain John Fleming from Goochland County and State of Virginia, in the Regiment, he thinks, commanded by Colonel Christie [William Christian?] & perhaps Colonel Henry [Patrick Henry?], was the officer commanding at the time he joined the Army, Major Johnson commanded the Battalion to which he belonged. He was marched from the County of Henrico, to the City of Richmond: and from there to Colonel Simm's Mills in Hanover County where the Company to which he belonged, was reviewed [?] – from thence he was marched back to Richmond, from thence to Williamsburg where the Company joined the Regiment commanded either by Colonels Christie or Henry. At Williamsburg he went into winter quarters; but upon the arrival of an express, he was detailed and marched to Long Bridge, under the same Captain (he thinks) to reinforce the troops at Long Bridge, opposed to Fordice [Charles Fordyce, Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775 appears to be the incident being described by the veteran], who had fortified himself and forces at Long Bridge, from thence he was marched to Norfolk, where he had several skirmishes with Dunmore & party, from Norfolk, he was marched to various places, where the company made short stays and to Kemps Landings from thence he was marched to various places, and finally back to Williamsburg, where he was discharged by Major Johnson, Having served twelve months, the time for which he first enlisted. He thinks this service was under the State of Virginia, as the force was called the "first Virginia Regulars." After this he was drafted in the County of Buckingham, in State of Virginia, was attached to the Company of Captain Anthony, in the Battalion commanded by Major Jones; he was marched from Buckingham County to Cabin Point [Cabin Point], and was there at the time of the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]: from Cabin Point he was marched to various places in the State of Virginia, and finally to the burnt mills, where he was discharged, but does not remember by whom – he served three months this tour, but has lost his discharge. After this he was drafted again, in the same County, and marched down to Hampton in Captain Baltimore's Company; he does not remember the name of the field officers he was under during this tour; he thinks he served three months this tour, but does not remember where or by whom he was discharged. After this he was drafted again and attached to Captain Watkins' [Silas Watkins] Company, from Buckingham, Virginia, and was marched from

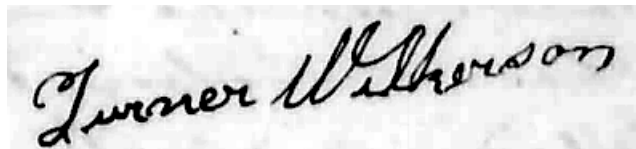
there to Little York, and joined the besieging Army under the Command of General Washington. He was at the siege of Little York, and Surrender of Cornwallis, he belonged to that part of the Army that constituted the guard of Cornwallis' Army from Little York to Winchester. At Winchester he was discharged; the length of time he served this tour, he does not remember but knows he was in the service from the time or before, that Cornwallis arrived at York.

He states he served two other tours of duty with the Virginia Militia, but the particulars are indistinct, of which, having in a great measure escaped his [one or more indecipherable words] attention [?], owing to his age, and the indifference which such claims have been treated. He feels confident that he served in all, exclusive of his enlistment, 15 months or more, with the militia but has lost all his discharges, and other documentary evidence, that might have assisted in establishing his service – He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. 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 Territory for the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this date above.

S/ K/ Bickett, Clk.

S/ Turner Wilkerson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Turner Wilkerson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Quest. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Henrico County, State of Virginia some time in the year 1758 according to the best answers given me by my parents.

Quest. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, nor do I know where it could be found

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Asn. I lived in the County of Henrico when I enlisted I lived in the County of Buckingham when I was drafted, in the state of Virginia. I lived in the Counties of Buckingham in Prince Edward & State of Virginia after the Revolution, until the year 1816 I then moved to Smith County & State of Tennessee, and have resided there ever since and now reside there.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Refer to Colonel Robert Allen, John Cochran, Captain Obadiah Baris, James Baris, Elijah Yany Esquire & J. Bickett.

[William P Hughes and John Harper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day Turner Wilkinson personally appeared before me Joel W Hardwick one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County & made oath that he served as a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution the term of twenty-seven months in all as stated in his declaration, the tours of duty he performed are as well-defined in his declaration as he could possibly to find them [indcipherable word]. He has stated in his declaration that he was attached to a company commanded by Captain Anthony. It should have been Captain Anthony Winston. He again repeats, that he knows of no living witness whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his service as a soldier of the Revolution. Sworn to and

subscribed before me this 11th May 1833.

S/ Turner Wilkerson

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

Charles Thurman¹ of the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky late a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution states on oath that he is acquainted with Turner were person who now resides in Smith County State of Tennessee that he was well acquainted with him while living in the State of Virginia that this affiant and said Turner were person lived in adjoining Counties within 5 miles of each other. That according to the best of this affiant's present recollection he saw said Turner were person while in the Army of the Revolution in the year 1776 at the City of Richmond Virginia when marching on his way to Simms Bridge, where this affiant understood the Troops were to be received and afterwards saw him while in the service at Williamsburg, and afterwards while this affiant and said Turner were person were in the Army together this affiant saw said Wilkerson at Mackeys Mills – he then according to the best of this affiant's recollection belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dabney.

And afterwards this affiant has a very distinct recollection of seeing said were person in the Army at the Siege of York and from the best of this affiant's knowledge and recollection he saw said Turner repeatedly in the service from the year 1776 – until the Siege of York and saw him starting out on some of his Militia Tours – and believes he served and performed all the duties of a faithful and Valiant Soldier in the Army of the Revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to this 6th day of February 1834.

S/ Charles Thurman, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private of Infantry.]

¹ FPA S31414