

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wilkins S3602

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: SS

This day being the 19th day of October in the year 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County William Wilkins a resident of said County aged 68 years who after being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the State of North Carolina and County of Hartford [sic, Hertford] on the 25 day of January 1764 and resided there until the 16th day of February 1780 at which time he was drafted into Captain Lou Brown's Militia Company for a tour of \_\_\_ that said company was attached and composed a part of the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Caswell James Rutherford Major William Caswell the commanding General the Regiment was soon ordered to the assistance of Charleston in the State of South Carolina after arriving at Santee River we at that place heard the firing of Cannon and soon was informed of the surrender of the place to the Enemy. Our march was there countermanded and we returned again to a place called Cross Creek now Fayetteville in North Carolina and there discharged on the 4th day of August in the same year. I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer on the first day of March 1782 in the Company of Captain Abraham Porter's Company and marched to Norfolk and Suffolk in order to protect the Country from the Pedatory [sic, predatory] Warfare of the Tories who had burned James Manney's house and Mills at Blackwater River on this Expedition we lay at Meads Mills some days we marched home again and was discharged on the 4th day of April following. Applicant further states that he continued to live in Hertford County until he removed to Sumner County Tennessee and then in Rutherford County and at present in Lincoln County Tennessee.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension but the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/William Wilkins

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: There being no regular clergyman in the neighborhood of the

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above applicant to whom he can refer does referred to Cary T. Kelly, Humphrey B. Tomlinson, Joseph Nichol, Joshua Nicholl, Richard Fleming Esquires and Jacob W. Wilkins as persons who can testify to his character of veracity.

[Cary T. Kelly and Jacob Wilkins, Jr., gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[H. B. Tomlinson gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 120: Sally Hearn gave an affidavit that she was personally acquainted with William Wilkins and that he went into service and served 2 tours of duty.]

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: William Wilkins makes the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832.

This day William Wilkins personally appeared before me David McGahey an acting justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form: and therein saith

"That my Father made a record of my birth in his family Bible as stated in my first declaration, but the same was destroyed by fire with the house of Joseph T. Elliston in Nashville."

"In my first declaration I referred to men of respectability who was well known to me & some of whom appeared in Open Court and was qualified to the same; which as can be seen by referring to the second and third pages thereof. In addition there too I have now procured the certificate of B. S. Clardy a clergyman and Joshua Nicholls, planter, which accompanies this."

"I stated in my first declaration I received regular discharges, but have lost or misplaced them not thinking they would ever be of any benefit to me."

S/ William Wilkins

[B. S. Clardy, a clergyman, and Joshua Nichols gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 19 days service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]