

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Wilkerson S36847

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State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

On this 1st day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the judges of the circuit court of said State personally appeared David Wilkerson aged fifty three years & past, resident in Clarke County in sd State, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war" – That he the said David Wilkerson enlisted at the age of fifteen years at Boling green [Bowling Green] in Hanover County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Parsons [William Parsons] (being enlisted by Major Call [David Call] from Petersburg Virginia) of the Regiment of horse commanded by Col. William Washington. That he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States from May 1780 about three years & some months when he was honorably discharged from service in __County South Carolina at Nelsons Ferry. That he was in the battle of Guilford¹ & several smaller skirmishes, in the first of which he was wounded in the knee, & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services, as his discharges either lost or mislaid so that he cannot find it, & all those who were with him in Service [are] either dead or so removed as to be unknown to him.

S/ David Wilkerson, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Fayette County to wit November Court 1820

On motion of David Wilkerson who produced in Court his pension Schedule and certificate, It is ordered that the same be recorded and certified to the Secretary of the war Department, which is in the following words to wit;

Schedule

District of Kentucky, SS

Fayette County,

On this 14th day of November 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the said District and Fayette County, being a court of record according to law having

¹ March 15, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

its proceedings duly recorded and possessing the power to fine and imprison for contempt, David Wilkerson aged fifty six years, resident in Fayette County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted with Maj. David Call of Colonel Washington's Regiment of Cavalry in Halifax County Virginia in the year 1777 or 8 to serve for during the war in the Virginia line on Continental establishment and continued in service till the close of the war, when he was discharged by Capt. Parsons at the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina, was in the battles of the Eutaw Springs,² Guilford Court house, where he was wounded in the knee, at the Cowpens,³ and several other small engagement; And 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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. Kitchen furniture worth \$3, house furniture \$5, one ax \$2, total \$10; one of my son owes may \$20 but I know not whether he intends to pay may, also about \$60 or \$70 claims on other persons and I owe altogether one hundred and odd Dollars, my family consists of my wife aged forty seven years, and one daughter named Lucretia aged thirteen years, I had also two sons a short time since living with me, but they have now left me.

S/ David Wilkerson, X his mark

[p 12: On March 12, 1832, the veteran applied in Warren County Indiana for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying he had lately moved there with the intention to remain to be with his children living in that state.]

[The veteran died June 13, 1832.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 1, 1818, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² Sept. 8, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

³ January 17, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

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Addendum to David Wilkerson S36847

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 29 April 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that David Wilkerson, Soldier in the Continental Cavalry inlisted for the War the 14th Oct'r 1781 & continued during that period, given under my hand this twenty first day Feb'y one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

Will Parsons Jun'r [William Parsons R16965]
Capt. 1st Reg't L. Dragoons

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Will Parsons Jun'r". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

By Virtue of the orders of the Hon'l. Maj'r. Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] David Wilkerson the bearer hereof belonging to the [several undeciphered words] has leave of absence from the said Reg't. til call'd for and then to repair to such rendezvous as shall be appointed in the State of Virginia under pain of being considered and treated as a Deserter the said summons being published in the Virginia news papers three weeks successively to be considered as sufficient notice.

Nelson Ferry [on Santee River in South Carolina; the rest illegible]

21st Feby 1784

Sir please to Issue a Warrant for my proportion of land as a Soldier in Continental Cavalry for the war to John W. Price & oblige Sir Your Verry Humble Serv't
Colo Meriwither [Thomas Meriwether] Comis'r.
War office Richmond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Wilkerson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.