

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wilson Lumpkin S38156

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At a Superior Court held for the County of King and Queen held at King and Queen Courthouse on the 5th day of May 1828

The declaration of William Lumpkin together with a schedule of his property annexed, taken in open court upon oath in presence Judge William Brockenbrough and William Todd Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of King and Queen held at King & Queen Courthouse in the State of Virginia, ordered to be recorded and is as follows to wit Superior Court of said County of King and Queen to wit, on the 5th day of May 1828 personally appeared in open court being a court of record and one of the courts in the fourth judicial circuit, Wilson Lumpkin – resident in said County aged 74 years 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Wilson Lumpkin enlisted for one term of two years on the __ day of February in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Gregory Smith in the seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Clannaham [sic, Alexander McClanachan] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until February 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that he was able to support himself until within the last four or five years by his own bodily exertions, since which time he has been disabled by disease and old age, and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of 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 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, that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, I sold one Negro man slave and gave a small piece of poor land containing 23 1/3 acres for board, clothing etc. 12 years

S/ Wilson Lumpkin¹

Sworn to and declared on the fifth of May before Judge of the said court in open Court

S/ William Brockenbrough

A list of property belonging to Wilson Lumpkin: One Negro man aged about 60 worth nothing and is and expense, one Negro girl aged about 11 worth about \$150, one bed and furniture and chest worth not more than \$10.

S/ Wilson Lumpkin

[Note: most of the documentation in this file relates to the property of the veteran, his debts and other aspects of his qualifying as "indigent" for purposes of the 1818 and 1820 act. I have elected not to transcribe those documents as they go into a great deal of detail as to the veterans debts and assets.]

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This is to Certify that the Bearer Wilson Lumpkin was a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army in the Company of Captain Gregory Smith of the 7th Virginia Regiment. Given under my hand this 21st of August 1811

S/ J. Pendleton [James Pendleton]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing September 9th, 1828, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] King & Queen County legislative petitions

To the Hon. the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of Wilson Lumpkin of King & Queen County respectfully represents that he served three years as a soldier in the revolutionary Army in the company of Capt. Gregory Smith of the 7th Virginia Regiment and that he has not received compensation for this service more than his common daily pay. That his bounty of Land was sacrificed [?] after trying every reasonable and available means to have it secured – That by industry, frugality and hard labor, he had acquired a comfortable fortune, which he enjoyed for many years. That at the time revolutionary soldiers were placed on the pension list by an act of Congress for that case made and provided, he felt himself precluded from taking the oath prescribed by law, by reason of the prosperity of his situation and thus could not throw himself upon the bounty of his country.

But your petitioner in his old age has experienced a most unexpected and fatal reverse of fortune in yielding to those [indecipherable word] and parental ties which bound him to his offspring, parental solicitude for the welfare and prosperity of his only son induced your petitioner to aid him by the loan of money, and the credit of his name to establish him as a Merchant, That your petitioner's son after living many years as Clerk to Messrs. Haxhall & Co. left the City of Richmond for the Town of New Orleans in the State of Louisiana where he met and untimely grave, and your petitioner has not been able to obtain any satisfactory information of the property left by his son at his death as to receive any part of the sum loaned but on the contrary is reduced to poverty and want.

¹ Not the signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the body of the document and to the signature of the attesting judge

Your Petitioner is now aged infirm and indigent and throwing himself upon the magnanimity and liberality of your honorable body, he prays that you will grant him some compensation for post services in the revolutionary war, by placing him on the pension list upon the same footing as other soldiers, And your petitioner will ever pray &c

S/Wilson Lumpkin

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

[Reverse]

Wilson Lumpkin's petition

Edwin Upshaw

December 20th 1827

Referred to Claims

1828 January 5th

Laid on table

11th Rejected

14 Reported