

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wiley (Wily) S38471

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS On this 8th day of May 1834 personally appeared before me James C Burnett a Justice of the peace in and for Shelby County and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County Henry Wiley aged 80 years who being duly 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.

This declarant states that he was residing in Caroline County State of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. That in the month of September 1777 that he the said declarant did volunteer under Captain Marshall [probably John Marshall] of said County of Caroline for a tour of three months. They rendezvoused at the old Court House in said County of Caroline and under the Command of the said Captain marched from the place of rendezvous through Williamsburg to Yorktown where he states they were stationed for the purpose of preventing the British from landing. He states that during the term that they were stationed at Yorktown that they were employed in reconnoitering the shore of the River until his said three months for which he had volunteered being expired he and the balance of Captain Marshall's Company was discharged in the month of November 1777 and he returned home – The declarant further states that in the year 1778 it was expected that the British would land and do some mischief in the lower parts of Virginia when Captain Jammison [Jamison] of said County of Caroline raised a Company of volunteers for a tour of three months when he the said Henry Wiley did volunteer under Captain Jammison for three months and was attached to Colonel Matthews' Regiment and marched from said County of Caroline under the command of Colonel Matthews to Williamsburg and was there stationed in the Capitol during the time they were stationed at the Capitol at Williamsburg this declarant states they were frequently sent in detachments up and down the River to see if the British were likely to land & he states that he did remain in Williamsburg discharging his duty as a faithful soldier until the three months for which he had volunteered being expired he was discharged by the said Captain Jemmason [Jamison] late in the month of August 1778 having left Caroline in the month of May 1778 – and the declarant further states that in the year 1780 – about the first of November a draft was ordered in said County of Caroline when he the said Henry Wiley was drafted into the service for a tour of three months and rendezvoused at Caroline old Court house and under the command of Captain John Long was marched from said place towards Williamsburg and on their way they were met by an express directing Captain Long to march his Company to Portroyal [Port Royal] on the Rappahannock River and wait for further orders. Captain Long then marched his company to Port Royal where this declarant states they remained until the time for which they had been drafted being expired they were discharged by said Captain Long in the month of February 1781 – this declarant further states that during the summer of 1781 – that another draft

was called in said County of Caroline and that in the month of July he was drafted for a tour of 3 months and rendezvoused at the Bowling Green and under the command of Captain Barnett Todd was marched from said place of rendezvous to Camp Mabin Hills [Malvern Hills] and was attached to Colonel Mathews Regiment and after remaining there some short time that the British landed and took possession of Williamsburg Colonel Matthews then ordered the Regiment to a place called the Hickory Nut Church within twelve miles of the British then in Williamsburg – Colonel Matthews then took a part of the Regiment and marched in full view of the British in Williamsburg and then marched that part of the Regiment to Bacon's Onery [Bacon's Ordinary], that one morning about daybreak the British made an attack upon the Regiment and that 15 of Regiment were taken prisoners and that he being one of that number was sent on board of the Kings Ships this he states was about the first of October and he remained a prisoner on board said ship's enduring great hardship and suffering much from the Small Pox [smallpox] until the surrender of Cornwallis when he and the 14 others that had been taken was set at liberty by the American officers – He states that when he was taken aboard the Kings Ships that they had about 200 American prisoners that they had taken. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said 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 and that from his advanced age he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration being unable to ride.

S/ Henry Wily, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed this date and year aforesaid

Answers to the Questions by the Magistrate Ja. C. Burnett, JPH

I was born in Caroline County State of Virginia 1760 and I have no record of my age in was living in Caroline County when I entered the service and since the Revolution I lived in Caroline until the year 1792 I then moved to Kentucky and I live in Shelby County Kentucky at this time. I volunteered two tours for three months each and I was drafted twice for three months each draft. There was no regular troops where I served until the surrender of Cornwallis. I was then a prisoner and did not have an opportunity of knowing many for as soon as I was retaken and set at liberty I went home. On my first and third tours there were no officers except the officers belonging to the company Captain Marshall and Captain Long. On my second and fourth tours there Colonel Matthews on both [indecipherable word interlineated] Captain Jammeson and Captain Todd the circumstances of my services was that of a militia man guarding the shore of the River a part of my time and at one time guarding the Capitol of Virginia at Williamsburg and I never did receive a written discharge but was always discharged by my Captain verbally except when I was taken prisoner when I was surrendered to the American officers day inquired how I became a prisoner. I told him they then let me at liberty, but being so short a time in the camp I do not recollect their names. I will state the names of John Holland Clergyman and John Richardson who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

[John Holland, a clergyman, and John Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]