

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Wiley (Wilday) S38473

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State of Georgia Washington County: On this the Twenty-sixth day of March 1824 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record and the Superior Court held in and for the County aforesaid Absalom Wiley of the County and State aforesaid aged ninety-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the I ask of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first May 1820, that he the said Absalom Wiley enlisted during the war in or about the months of July or August 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Reading Blount [sic, Redding Blount] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogan [sic, James Hogan] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until about 18 months thereafter when he was transferred to a light Infantry company commanded by Captain John Moore and in which last mentioned said company he continued to serve under several officers till the close of the Revolutionary War when he was discharged from the said Service at Bacon's Bridge in the State of South Carolina.

That he was in the Battles of the Siege of Charleston under the command of Captain G. Bradley [Gee or George Bradley] at which time and place he was taken prisoner by the enemy and after continuing a prisoner about thirty-one days made good his escape by swimming Cooper River and again joined the American Army at the High Hills of Santee in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs under the command of Captain James Powell [sic, James Powers?] in which battle he was wounded in the right arm: that he was in the battle of King's Bridge in the State of New York, under the command of the said Captain Blount besides many other battles and skirmishes of minor importance and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath.

And in pursuance of the act of the first 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

and this deponent states that his family consists of a wife aged seventy years a daughter thirty-five years of age and has been for some years in a low state of health occasioned by frequent attacks of the dropsy and is at this time laboring under the same disease, and two male grandchildren one by the name of William Beck aged seven years the other by the name of Calton Doe and aged 5 years, that he is by profession a farmer and from the infirmity of his age he is unable to support himself and family by his bodily labor.

Sworn to & declared on the 26th day of March 1824 before me

S/ Robert Walker, Judge

S/ Absalom Wiley, H his mark

Schedule

One Sow & pigs worth

\$5.00

S/ Absalom Wiley, X his mark

Georgia Washington County: Personally appeared in open Court Absalom Wiley it being a court of Record & the Superior Court of said County who being duly sworn saith when he enlisted under Colonel Redding Blount his name was by mistake entered as Absalom Wilday & that he went to the officer & told him that he had made a mistake in entering his name & the officer told him as the Roll had been filled up it was unnecessary to alter it and that he answered to the name of Wilday during his service & he further saith that he has not since the 18th March 1818 disposed of any property having none to dispose of & he further saith that the reason he did not apply sooner for a pension is that he did not know there had been any provision made by the Government for relief of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Sworn before me this 1st April 1825

S/ Robert Raymond, Presiding Judge

S/ Absalom Wiley, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears by the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, that Absalom Wilday a private in Captain Blount's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th of July 1778 for the term of 9 months, that he reenlisted on the 3rd June 1779 as a Corporal for 18 months, that he again enlisted in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10th Regiment on the 6th of May 1781 for 12 months, and "left the service" 16th April 1782.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the 24th day of August 1824

S/ Wm Hill

PS. It will be observed that the name in the above Certificate is not the same mentioned in the declaration of Absalom Wiley but I have no doubt it was intended for the same.

S/ Wm Hill, Secry

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 1, 1825, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]