

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Wilson S38475

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At a Court held for the County of Lewis on Monday the 5th day of October 1818.

Joseph Wilson of said County came into Court and for the purpose of obtaining the provision made by Congress for the Surviveing Officers & privates of the Land & Naval Service in the United States during the Revolutionary War States upon oath that he enlisted as a private in Rockingham County in Virginia in June in the year 1780 under Capt Andrew Wallace of the first Virginia Detachment and remained in the regular service of the United States untill December 1781 when he was regularly discharged. That the Corps in which he Enlisted was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col Richard Campbell (who was killed in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]) and that he the said Joseph Wilson was whilst in said Service in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and a number of Skirmishes that he obtained a written Discharge which is herewith filed and that from this reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And the Court being satisfied of the truth of the allegations of said Joseph Wilson and also that he needeth the assistance of his Country for support do order that the same be certified to the secretary of the War Department

And now towit At a Court held for said County of Lewis on Monday the 6th day of December 1819 John Mitchel [pension application S5761] James Allen & George Bush personally appeared in Court and made Oath that they were Justices of the peace for said County siting as part of the Court at October Term 1818 when Joseph Wilson of said County made an affidavit for the purpose of obtaining the provisions made by Congress for the surviving officers & privates of the Land & Naval service in the United States during the Revolutionary War and that they well recollect of the said Joseph Wilson producing his discharge in Court, which discharge was Conclusive Evidence of his services and that the same has been mislaid or lost as they are informed and that the said Joseph Wilson has not yet Received any benefit from said affidavit. It is Therefore ordered that the above affidavit be attached to the said affidavit of the said Joseph Wilson and certified therewith to the secretary of the War department in the room of said Discharge.

Virginia Sct

At a Court held for the County of Lewis on the 14th day of August AD 1820 being a Court of Record for said County personally appeared in said Court Joseph Wilson who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows he Enlisted in Rockingham County Virginia as a private in June in the year 1780 under Capt. Andrew Wallow [sic] of the first Virginia detachment and remained in the Service of the United States untill December 4 1781 when he was regularly discharged that the Corpse in which he was enlisted was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col Richard Campbell who was killed in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and that he the said Joseph was whilst in the said service in the Battle of Guilford and a number of Skirmishes that he obtained a written discharge which has been lost in the manner set forth in a certificate filed in the War department on which together with a declaration made the October Court 1818 of said County of Lewis he has obtained from said department a Pension Certificate dated the 24th day of May 1820 No. 17116 and Endosed "payable on the 4th March & 4th September of each year by the Branch Bank US in Richmond Virginia No Pension is payable untill the arrival of one or the other of the above dates after the Issue of a Certificate payable up to the 4th March 1820 before any payment thereafter a Schedule of property must be Exhibited Registered by J. H. Kranshaw Clerk in Book B Volume 8 Page 197. 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with Intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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

four milks cows	1 Tin bucket
3 Spring Calves	1 Silver Watch
2 yearling Calves	1 wooden Bucket
1 old mare 16 years	1 Bible
1 yearling colt	Saints Everlasting rest
1, 2 years old colt	Westley's [probably Wesley's] life
4 head of Sheep	Nelson's Journal
6 head of hogs	Fletchers appeal
3 - 10 gallon Kettles	Hymn book
2 Dutch ovens	Shin on Salvation
2 small pots	Allens Alain
½ Doz old puter plates	1 old chest
½ Doz old Iron Spoons	1 Note of hand \$100
3 Tin pans	1 Do. 40
4 old wooden Keelers	1 Do. 20
1 old set knives & forks	1 old Loom & 3 old Reels
1 old bareshear plow	1 large puter dish
1 small do.	3 basons
1 chopping axe	1 how & 1 Frow
1 hand saw	2 old matocks
2 Augurs	5 old tin cups
3 Chissels	
2 Kegs	

The said Joseph Wilson further declares that his Occupation is a Weaver but from his age and bodily debility he is unable to pursue it to any advantage that he has no family but entirely alone except a man of the age of 50 years or upwards the son of his wife & which man is insane Sworn to and declared in open Court this 14th day of August 1820

Sworn to on the 14th day of Aug't 1820 in open Court Joseph Wilson

Which is ordered to be Certified and the Court further order it Certified that it is there opinion that the total amount of the Value of the property Exhibited in the Schedule is \$309. And they are also satisfied the said Joseph is in debt \$40.

Virginia Lewis County SS

On this Sixth day of December 1825 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Lewis Joseph Wilson, resident in said County, aged 70 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 March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that he the said Joseph Wilson, enlisted for the Term of Eighteen months the date of his enlistment he can not recollect, having lost his written discharge since he first made application for a pension, but believes it was in June in the year 1780 in the state of Virginia, in the County of Rockingham in the Company commanded by Captain Andrew Wallace, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell (who was killed in the Battle of Eutaw Springs) in the line of the State of Virginia, on the [blank space] continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until in December 1781, when he was discharged from service in Salsberry [sic: Salisbury], in the state of North carolina, that his name has been placed on the pension List, and dropped therefrom on account of his property.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, [same oath as above with the following revised schedule]

Three Cows, one yearling steer, Three Calves, Eight Hogs, one mare 20 years old, one horse 7 years old, one Loom, Two plow shears, Three old axes & Two hose, Two notes on Isaac S. Collins, both amounting to \$17. Two Dutch ovens, 1 small pot, 9 old Books ½ dozens old pewter plates, ½ Dozen Iron spoons, 1 set knives & forks, 1 old hand saw, 2 old chissels 1 Tin Bucket, 1 Large

pewter Dish, 3 old Basons, 1 Frow 1 mattock. I am indebted to differant persons, amounting in the whole to forty dollars,

Signed Joseph Wilson.

I am by occupation a weaver but from age & bodily infirmity, am unable to persue it to advantage. I have a wife near 40 years of age & five Children residing with me, namely Daulphin, about twelve years old, William aged nine, John aged 7, David aged about 3 years, & Hanable Thomas about 13 months old. My wife is too sickly & my children too young to contribute in any considerable degree toward their maintainance. That since the Exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property.

Description of property	Names of the persons to whom disposed of	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return
One cow	Peter McCune	Aug't. 1825	\$12 in clothing for myself & family
2 yearling calves	John Brannon	March 1821	Grain of differant kinds
1 yearling colt	Same	Same	Labour
4 head of Sheep	Killed by wolves
3 Ten Gallon Kittles	Two broken & one sold to Mary Wilson	Sep 1820	Nothing
1 small pot	Broken		
3 Tin pans	worn out		
4 old Keelers	Same		
2 Augers	Same		
1 chissel	Same		
2 Kegs	Same		
1 Silver watch	James Wesfall	in 1821	15 Bushels of salt
1 wooden Bucket	worn out		

1 note of 100 dollars on John Burnsides, given up to secure the right of Land I sold 15 years ago, and the right has lately become bad [see note below].

one do. of \$40 John Mcwhorter in 1822 Sundry necessaries for my family

one Do of \$20 on J. S. Collins \$17. of which is contained, the foregoing schedule \$3. being paid to me since the exhibition of my Schedule in 1820

one old Mattuch	James Hardman	Sep 1820	one Bushel of Rye
5 old Tin Cups	worne out.		

Signed Joseph Wilson

[Certified as being worth \$112.87½.]

NOTE: The "right of Land" referred to in the 1825 Schedule is explained in a deposition made by Wilson on 4 Apr 1826.