

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Wilson S38476

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State of Alabama, Morgan County: County Ct. August Term 1826

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record and proceeding according to the course of common Law and having the power to fine and imprison for the County aforesaid Robert Wilson, a resident in said County aged about Sixty 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 act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & the first of May 1820 that, he the said Robert Wilson enlisted for the term of one year about the first day of August 1781<sup>1</sup> in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Brevard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong and \_\_\_ Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the southern not know establishment – that he was in the battle of Campden [sic, Camden]<sup>2</sup>, Eutaw Springs<sup>3</sup> & siege of Ninety Six<sup>4</sup> besides many other skirmishes that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the winter of 1782 when he was discharged from the service in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: that he has heretofore been able to earn a support by his Labor until lately that although poor he has not been under the necessity of called on the bounty of his Country until Lately he has become old and unable to earn a competent support by his Labor that if he had been disposed to make the attempt he was utterly ignorant of the proper form and had no friend who was competent to instruct him 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 that [as] is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed Schedule as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Given the engagements this veteran says he participated in, his enlistment must have been much earlier in 1781 than August. See the notes below.

<sup>2</sup> Because of the timing of his service, it is likely that the battle to which he is referring is more likely to be the battle commonly referred to as the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill near Camden SC. April 25, 1781.

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hobkirks\\_hill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html)

<sup>3</sup> September 8, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>4</sup> May 21-June 19, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

One Cow and Calf worth	\$10.00
One Yearling	2.50
One bed and furniture	7.00
One small pot & Oven	3.00
Two hogs	3.00
Two hoes	1.00
Two & a half acres of cotton	12.00
four chairs	1.00
one [illegible] 75 Cents/ Dz. cups & saucers 50	1.25
four knives & forks	.37 ½
1 Dish & five plates	1.00
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	\$42.12 ½

S/ Robert Wilson, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

Test: S/ M C Houston, Clk CC

That since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 no changes have taken place in my property except the sale and disposal of such produce of the soil as was necessary to provide for myself and family.

Sworn to in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Wilson, X his mark

Test: S/ M. C. Houston, Clk CC

On the same day personally appeared in open court Given Black<sup>5</sup> [could be Gwen Black] a credible witness who being first duly sworn made oath and states that he served in the same Regiment though not in the same company with the said Robert Wilson and knew him well in service and that the facts stated in his declaration as to the time of enlistment and service he also states that he is acquainted with said Wilson's circumstances and knows him to be extremely poor.

Or sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the same day and year aforesaid.

S/ M. C. Houston, Clk CC

S/ Given Black



State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that Robt Wilson a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in the year 1781, (the month not mentioned) for the term of 12 months and that he "left the service 20th May 1782."

Given under my hand this 22nd January 1827.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 6, 1826, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

<sup>5</sup> I could not find it any veteran with a similar name who filed for a pension from the federal government. This may be the only evidence of this veterans service contained in the federal pension files.