

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilson S40714

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The State of Ohio Butler County SS

On this 8th day of August 1818 before me Henry Weaver one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the said County of Butler personally appeared John Wilson aged eighty-five years resident in Wayne Township in the said County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" That the said John Wilson enlisted in Wheeling in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashley (of the twelfth Virginia Regiment of State Troops commanded by Colonel James Woods) sometime he this deponent thinks in 1776 for and during the term of three years, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until he had served out the time for which this deponent Enlisted, to wit: three years, when he was discharged from service – but at what place or time his memory has failed so that he is not able to tell, this deponent further on his oath states that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support being unable to work from his age and having been wounded in the right wrist and in the left arm in battles against the Indians under General Clark [George Rogers Clark], this deponent further states that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Weaver

S/ John Wilson, X his mark

The State of Ohio Butler County SS

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at Hamilton in the County of Butler aforesaid on the 24th day of March 1821, before the Honorable Joshua Collett Esquire President and his associate Judges of the said Court the same Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record expressly created a Court of record by the laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio with Jurisdiction unlimited in civil cause and with power to fine and imprison personally appeared in open court John Wilson aged about eighty-eight years resident in Wayne Township in the said County of Butler who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit he enlisted at Wheeling in Virginia in the year \_\_ in the Company commanded by Captain Stephen Ashley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood being the 4th or 12th Regiment in the Virginia line he was in the battle of Brandywine or Monmouth and was discharged near the mouth of North River his original Certificate of his being placed on the pension Roll is numbered 9972. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed I have only one small mare I have no family I reside with my son with whom I have resided for several years & am by occupation a common laborer but from my age and great debility in body I have not nor have I been able to do but very little for my support and my memory is very much impaired.

S/ John Wilson, X his mark

State of Kentucky Mercer County SS

This day William Covintree [William Coventry?] before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that John Wilson served three years as a soldier in the American revolutionary war under the command of Colonel James Woods in the 12th Virginia Regiment and that he has just cause to believe that he has never received any land for his services.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of October 1811.

S/ George W Thompson, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 8th, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]