

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wilkinson (Wilkerson) S41347

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District of Virginia Sct.

On this 15th September 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of the State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Wilkinson aged sixty years resident in Dinwiddie County in the said District 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That the said Thomas Wilkinson enlisted on the 15th day of December 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain James Mason of the 15th Virginia Regiment under Colonel David Mason, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the first January 178__ [last digit run off the page and are illegible, could be 1783] when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia: that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [Sept. 11, 1777], Germantown [Oct. 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support: And that having lost his discharge when his house was burnt he has now no other evidence of his services but the Certificate of his Captain hereto annexed & the corroborative testimony of Henry Brown. Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard E Parker

District of Virginia

Personally appeared before me on the 15th September 1818 Henry Brown & makes oath that he knows what is contained in Captain Mason's certificate to be true. Given under my hand the day & year aforesaid

S/ Richard E Parker

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Wilkerson [sic] Inlisted in the Continental Army of the 15th Virginia Regiment as a Soldier in December 1776 for 3 years and to the best of my knowledge Served his time out: as also Conducted himself as a good and faithful Soldier. Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1818.

S/ David Mason, Captn.

11th Virginia Riegt. [sic]

I do hereby certify that Thomas Wilkerson enlisted in the Continental Army in the ^{11th} Virginia Regiment as a Soldier in December 1776 for three years and to the best of my knowledge served his time out: as also conducted himself as a good and faithful Soldier. Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1818.

David Mason. Captⁿ
11th Virginia Regt

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District of Virginia, to wit:

On this 19th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Dinwiddie, Thomas Wilkerson [sic], aged Sixty three years, resident in Dinwiddie County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the 15th Regiment & in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Joseph Mason; the original declaration is dated the 15th of September 1818; that he has only received on account of my pension \$44.53, which pension Certificate is dated the 15th of September 1818 and is numbered ____ . - 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 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

Schedule of Thomas Wilkerson's property, real and personal, necessary clothing and bedding excepted. -

One horse valued at	\$10.00	
One cow & calf	12.00	
Two sows & pigs		18.00
One loom	10.00	
Two tables	3.00	
3 Sitting chairs	2.00	
Plantation tools	10.00	
Shoemaking tools	<u>3.00</u>	

The Total Amount \$68.00

S/ "Thomas Wilkinson Senr."

He the said Wilkerson further states that he is a shoe maker by trade, and from his age not capable of pursuing it, to any possible advantage;

He further declares that he has six persons in family, and only one able to contribute to their support, besides himself, as his eldest son is a cripple. – The names & ages of his family are as follows. – (And who are residing with him). –

Viz.

His wife Martha Wilkerson aged 50 years
his children – Thomas Wilkerson Junior aged 18
 Francis Wilkerson aged 15
 Joll Wilkerson aged 9
 Martha Wilkerson aged 5

Sworn to and declared on the 19th day of June 1820 before the Court. –

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 15, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Thomas Wilkinson (Wilkerson) S41347
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 6 May 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

The affidavit of Williamson Smith of lawfull age and duly sworn states he was acquainted with Thos. Wilkerson now of Dinwiddie who served 3 years in the Virginia line on continental establishment That he was in Capt. James Mason's company fifteenth regiment and that there was another Thos. Wilkerson (father of the said Thomas above named who enlisted in the service and died.

30th of Sept 1830

Wm'son Smith

[Sussex County]

City of Richmond sct. This day Thomas Wilkerson personally appeared before me a magistrate of the said city, and made oath, that he served three years as a soldier of infantry in Capt. James Mason's company 15th Regiment of the Virginia line on continental establishment. That his father Thomas Wilkerson sen'r. also served 3 years in the same company & Regiment – and that he this affiant hath never received his warrant for land bounty. Given under my hand this 8th day of october 1830.

Thos. Wilkinson Jr



To the governor and council of Virginia

The petition of Thomas Wilkerson humbly represents that he is now entitled to receive his warrant for his land bounty as a soldier of infantry in Capt Mason's company 15th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment and exhibits above, the grounds of his claim and herewith lays before the executive the evidence above referred to and prays an order of council directing the Register to issue his warrant for land bounty.



I certify that it appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State line on Continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 that a certificate issued on the 12th day of November 1783 in the name of Thomas Wilkinson a soldier of infantry for £54.11.8 – which certificate was delivered to Col. Mason. I also certify that it appears by the said list that a certificate issued on the 26th July 1784 in the name of Thomas Wilkerson Sen'r a soldier of infantry for £26.16 and that the said certificate was delivered to Ed Valentine.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office 8th Octo. 1830/ Jas. E. Heath, APA