

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilson S41352

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District and State of Virginia Berkeley County Sct.

On this 26th day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber sole and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the said County of Berkeley in the State aforesaid Personally appeared James Wilson aged 67 years resident in the said County District and State, 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 he the said James Wilson enlisted in the County of Berkeley in the State aforesaid in the month of August 1776 as a private soldier in the Company commanded by Captain Gabriel Law of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the month of October 1779 when he was discharged at Kaikiack [?] in the State of New York, that he was in the Battle of the 19th September at Freeman's farm [Battle of Freeman's Farm 19th September 1777] & on the 17th of October [Battle of Saratoga 17th October, 1777] near the same place. That he has no other evidence of his said services except the subjoined affidavit of Israel Robinson and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his Country's aid for a support. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Robt. White

[Israel Robinson, 45, gave testimony that he had known the veteran since boyhood and always understood he was a veteran of the revolutionary war.]

Virginia to wit

At a court held for Berkeley County the 10th day of July 1820

On this 10th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record, James Wilson aged seventy years resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit as a private soldier in Captain Gabriel Long's Company in the 10th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel David Morgan, that he may his original declaration on the 26th day of April 1818 and obtained a pension Certificate numbered 6803 – and the said Wilson doth moreover solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities,

contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. The said Wilson further declares that he is a Weaver but has not bodily strength to pursue his trade from age and infirmities so as to support himself without the aid of the public or individuals – His family consist of a wife named Elizabeth aged between sixty and seventy years, a granddaughter named Elizabeth aged twelve years. His wife is nearly helpless and granddaughter not able to do more than the necessary work of the family. Sworn to and declared to be true on the 10th day of July 1820 before the Court aforesaid

Schedule

one cow

one weavers loom & tackle

one old chair & table

two pots

two ovens and a few other small items of Kitchen furniture \$40.34 Dubai notes of hand \$25 of which this declarant never expects to get

S/ James Wilson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing April 26, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]