

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wilson Wiggins S41364

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District of Virginia Sussex Superior Court

On this 21st day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record so constituted by the Laws of Virginia for the 2nd Judicial Circuit of the Superior Court of Law for Sussex County, Wilson Wiggins page 67 years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that the said Wilson Wiggins and for the term of 2 years on the 2nd March 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Ridley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel now General Stephens in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his term of service expired when he was discharged from the said Service at the Valley Forge in the state of \_\_\_\_ . That he never was in any battle and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavits accompanying this petition and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, 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 –

A Schedule of the property of Wilson Wiggins rendered this 21st of September 1820 who says his property consist of 1 bed, 1 hog, 1 chest, 1 horse and parcel of old lumber of very little value (his wearing apparel excepted) that he is a farmer, that he is not able to labor much, that his family consist of himself and his wife that his wife is about sixty years old and not able by her labor to support herself.

S/ Wilson Wiggins, X his mark

Southampton County, to wit,

This day William Simmons<sup>1</sup> appeared before me and made oath that Wilson Wiggins was a revolutionary soldier in Captain Thomas Risley's [sic] company which was in the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Adam Stephens [Adam Stephen], Given under my hand & Seal this 3rd day of October 1820.

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S7514

S/ Benj. Cobb, JP

Sussex County to wit

This day John Bobbitt appeared before me William Parham one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for the County of Sussex and made oath that Wilson Wiggins was in the regular Service at Valley Forge with him under Captain Ridley in the 4th Virginia Regiment. Given under my hand this 5th day of October 1820

S/ Wm Parham, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 21st, 1820, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]