

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Wilson S46083

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Virginia }
Augusta County } SS.

On this 26th day of March 1834 personally appeared before John Wayt, Wm Ramsey, John B Breckenridge, Washington Swoope & Jno. K. Moore the Justices of Augusta County now sitting William Wilson Sen. a resident of Augusta County & state of Virginia aged about 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he was born on the passage of his parents from Ireland to the United States on the Atlantic ocean about the year 1762, that there is a register of his age in a bible which was in the County of Rockbridge, that he came with his parents to the County of Augusta as he has been informed when about his six months old, and has continued to reside mostly in said County of Augusta and his services are as follows. He as one of the Malitia of Augusta County, volunteered his services to go a tour of duty for the protection of Richmond & the lower part of Virginia, he rendezvoused at Waynesborough [Waynesboro] in the said County of Augusta with the other men belonging to the company in the fall of the year 1778 and was attached to the company of Capt Thos Smith of the Augusta Malitia, and from thence marched in said Company to the City of Richmond, after remaining there for a short time, he was march some miles below the City of Richmond, where he remained stationed untill regularly discharged by the said Capt Thos Smith. he received no written discharge, was engaged in no battles, he is unable by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory to state the names of any the field or company officers other than Capt. Thos Smith, and for the same reason he is unable to state the month of the year in which he marched or in which he was discharged, but according to the best of his recollection he served a period of not less that Two months as a private in said Capt Smiths company. He remembers that John Gamble, James Anderson & David McNair were in the same company, they are all dead & he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove this tour of duty.

His next tour of duty was as one of the Malitia of Augusta County, he was drafted on this occasion and rendezvoused at Staunton in Augusta County and marched from thence in a company commanded by Capt James Bell of the Augusta Malitia to the State of North Carolina, he remembers Col. Geo Moffett of the Augusta Malitia was one of the field officers, he acted on the day of the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] as one of the waggon guard which was under the direction of Sergeant Smith Thompson [pension application S38438], and was about four miles distant from the ground where the battle of Guilford was fought, this was in the year 1781 but from old age and the consequent loss of memory, he is unable to state the month in which he marched or was discharged but according to the best of his recollection he served on this occasion a period of not less than eight weeks as a private in Capt Bells company, he received no written discharge, he understands that Smith Thompson who he has above spoken of is still liveing and hopes to be able to obtain his testimoney in support of his claim.

His third and last tour of duty was as one of the drafted Malitia of Augusta County, he rendezvoused at Waynesborough in the said County, and was there attached to a company under the command of Capt Thos Smith, and marched from thence to Richmond and various points in the lower part of Virginia untill the British went into York, and this declarant with the other troops was then marched to and formed part of the army beseiging York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and remained in service untill the surrender of Cornwallis, shortly after which this declarant with the other troops with whom he served was discharged, he received no written discharge, this service was performed in the year 1781 but the day that this declarant marched, the day he was discharged, he is unable from old age and the consequent loss of memory to state, but to the best of his recollection he served on this occasion a period of not less than three months. Smith Thompson who has heretofore been refered to was with him on this tour of duty, and he hopes to be able to obtain his evidence

This declarant would refer to Joseph Cowan and Hugh Hamilton persons residing in his

neighbourhood for testimony as to his character and their belief of his services in the war of the revolution.

This declarant considers that answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department are embodied in the foregoing declaration, as far as old age and want of memory will enable him to answer them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed this day & year aforesaid William hisXmark Wilson

NOTE: George Wilson, about 60, of Augusta County, deposed that he was the brother of William Wilson and had often heard him as well as their parents, who had been dead for more than 20 years, speak of his services.