

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilkerson S4727

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The State of Ohio Warren County: SS: On this 3rd day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of common pleas at Lebanon in & for the County & State aforesaid sitting James Wilkerson a resident of the Township of Washington in the County of Warren and State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He enlisted in the United States service about the last of July or the first of August 1781 under Captain James Hudoge Lane for the Term of eighteen months in the County of Loudoun & State of Virginia rendezvoused at Leesburg in said County & was marched from thence under said Captain Lane to Fredericksburg & thence to Petersburg where the Regiment was made up & the Companies organized when he was placed under the command of Captain Samuel Selden – remained in that County until the first of December of the same year from thence marched southward under the command of Colonel Green to a place called Cheraw Hills in South Carolina on the Pedee River where General Green [Nathanael Greene] took up winter quarters in 1781 and about the first of March of the same year marched under General Greene from thence into North Carolina and stopped at Guilford Court house at which time & place he was at the request of General Greene placed in the artificers Department & from thence accompanied the baggage wagons to Princeton Edwards Courthouse in Virginia, General Greene had a successful engagement at Guilford Courthouse with Cornwallis – was at Prince Edwards Courthouse until the last of April or first of May part of the baggage was ordered to go to the Army and myself with my other artificer accompanied it and joined the Army the day after the siege commenced at Ninety Six and from Ninety Six General Green marched to the High Hills of Santee not far from Camden and remained there until about the first of September then marched to the Eutaw Springs where another engagement took place between General Greens Army and the British in which the former were successful, the petitioner with Benjamin Cleaver were sent with the Army to the Eutaw Springs after this General Green marched back to the High Hills of Santee and remained there until after the taking of Cornwallis, then marched down South Carolina to a place called round O and took winter quarters about 40 miles from Charleston & about the 2nd of Jany [?] 1782 the men enlisted for 18 months were then paraded & marched from thence into North Carolina to a place called Salisbury as he thinks and then discharged without money or mode of conveyance and 4 or 500 miles from home. The certificate mark (A) is now in the possession of petitioner, dated 2nd January 82 and subscribed by "H. Pendleton Captain born [?] A. S. A." as enclosed herein – was born in the State of Virginia on the 29th day of November 1758 as appears by a record of his age contained in a prayer book now in his possession.

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 to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ James Wilkerson



[Hezekiah Stiles, a clergyman, and Joel Drake gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



Additional statement of James Wilkerson a resident of Warren County Ohio an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June A.D. 1832. This applicant further states that in his former application he finds on reperusing [sic] it there is this mistake to which he is stated that he entered into service of the United States in July or August A.D. 1781 it should have stated to have been in July or August A.D. 1780 – this applicant is certain (from the following fact) that he is not mistaken in this. He was over twenty-one years of age when he enlisted & was twenty-two years of age on the 29th of November 1780 he knows that he served 18 months in the whole in the one tour as stated in his former application, he served in the artificer department the time stated in the certificate marked A being about 5 months & a half & all the balance of the time a private soldier in the ranks. That he served all of said time in the field & no part of the time in the garrison. The Captain Selden mentioned in his original application he recollects was killed at the Siege of Ninety Six. He cannot learn that there is any person living who can prove any part of his service, nor can he at this age state more positively the length of or the grades in which he served & further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Warren County Ohio April 27, 1833

S/ Benjamin Blackburn, JP

S/ James Wilkerson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$74.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 and half months as a private and 5 1/2 months as an artificer.]