

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eli B. Wilson S6401

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State of Virginia, Pendleton County, to wit,

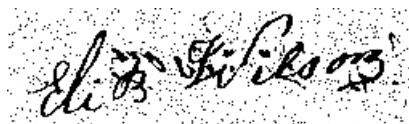
On this 3rd Day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before __the Court of Pendleton County, now sitting, Eli B. Wilson a Resident of the Bulpasture [Bull Pasture?], in the County of Pendleton & State of Virginia, aged seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, 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, and served as herein stated – first tour of three months Drafted under the command of Captain John McCoy & Lieutenant Joseph Quinn, on an expedition against the Indians, on the West Fork of the Monongahela River, in the Northwestern part of Virginia – second Tour of three months as a volunteer to relieve Captain Donley's Fort then attacked by the Indians in the County of Greenbrier & State of Virginia a considerable portion of this tour I was stationed to guard a Fort under the command of Colonel Vance, on back Creek a branch of James River, in Virginia, – third tour of three months (Drafted) Served at Portsmouth in Virginia – Colonel Sampson Matthews Commandant of the Regiment Captain Thomas Hicklin & Lieutenant Joseph Quinn I do not recollect the names of any of the Regular officers stationed at Portsmouth except Captain Armong [probably Armand] of the Cavalry, 4th tour (drafted) for three months, in what is usually called the siege at York, or in other words the capture of Lord Cornwallis, (Officers of the Company) Captain Thomas Hicklin & Lieutenant Joseph Quinn – Unfortunately for me I was taken sick on our way to Yorktown, And remained sick and unable to return home until after the capture of Cornwallis and the men with whom I set out had returned home. I do not recollect the dates of any of the tours, Except the Cornwallis trip in 1781 – I was born on the farm on which I now reside, and have lived or resided there ever since, Except when chased or frightened away by the Indians (or on public Duty), I have no Documentary Evidence to offer in support of my Claim. I have procured the affidavit of James Hicklin (Esquire) which is herewith filed.

[fn p. 10—out of sequence]

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Eli B. Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eli B. Wilson", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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On this 3rd day of October 1832 William McCoy Senior made oath before the Subscriber a justice of the Peace for Pendleton County Virginia; that he is well acquainted with Eli B Wilson whose declaration he has read to obtain a pension, as a militia man, under the late law of Congress: that he this deponent was raised on an adjoining Plantation to that where Wilson was born and raised, in the revolutionary war it was of Augusta County (now Pendleton County) That he said McCoy distinctly remembers of said Wilson being on several Tours of duty during said war, that to Portsmouth during the winter and spring of 1781 he thinks was about 4 months from the time he left home until he and others from same County returned home; that when Cornwallis was captured at York, he does not remember how long he was out, but distinctly remembers that it was some time after the others who went on this Campaign had got home, and after the surrender of Cornwallis, before, he Wilson, got home. Deponent understood that he was taken sick & in consequence was detained, near Richmond, why he did not return with those who went from same neighborhood. Deponent thinks he must have been 2 months from the time he left home until he returned; on that Tour of duty; as to 2 other Tours of duty of which he speaks the one stationed at Vance's Fort on back Creek & the other on the waters of Monongahela near the place now called Clarksburg, Deponent remembers that these Tours of duty

[fn p. 7] were for 3 months each because his brother served with him on the first & his father commanded the Company in the latter, & so well as deponent remembers the first was in the summer of the year 1776 & the latter in the summer & fall of the year 1778; although this deponent did not serve with him in any of this Tours of Duty, he feels as confident that the applicant did serve each and every one of which he speaks faithfully, as if he had served with him, & this, from the veracity of the applicant as well as learning from others who served with him

S/ Wm McCoy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm McCoy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Wm McCoy".

Sworn to and subscribed the 3rd day of October 1832 before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for Pendleton County

S/ Wm McCoy, Jr.

[facts in file: veteran died November 11, 1845; veteran married October 29, 1788, Hannah, her maiden name not given. In 1846, the widow was aged 75 years and resided in Pendleton County, Virginia; the file contains no reference to any children of the veteran and/or his wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]