

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Wilson S6416

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Virginia

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of Amherst County now sitting Richard Wilson a resident of the said County aged 70 years in the month of December next, 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. That he was drafted into the service as an orderly sergeant from the County of Caroline where he resided sometime in the year 1779 and marched under the command of Capt [John] Long and that after reaching Williamsburg where he was stationed, the company to which he was attached was joined to the command of Colo Walker Taliaferro. that the forces of which he formed a part had for their object the guarding of the lower part of the State of Virginia. That after the expiration of this tour of duty and his return to the County of Caroline he was again called to perform and did perform four other several tours of duty he believes of three months each all of which were performed as orderly Sergeant. That from the great lapse of time and a waning of memory he cannot limit his recollection to detail them in the order in which they were performed, but he remembers the officers under whom he served, some of whom were in the Regular service others in the militia viz. Genl Lafayette [sic: Lafayette], Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Colo [William] McWilliams, Colo. Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews] (at James Town) Col Johnston, Col. Ennis [sic: James Innes] at the seige of York Town, Major Dabney [probably Col. Charles Dabney] (who we joined in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] during one of the Tours) Major Ducluman [Christian Charles de Klauman], Boice [sic: William Boyce] & Carey (at the seige of York) Capts Jamison, Stevens of the Port Royall [sic: Port Royal in Caroline County] infantry, Capt Clark, who took the place of Capt Tompkins, who returned home & Capt Tyler. And the following subalterns who were attached to the different companies with which he served viz Hampton, Woolfork [possibly Woolfolk], & Tyler. That during his tours as aforesaid he with his company was stationed during one tour at the Town of Port Royall, another tour at a mill the name of which he does not remember but it was in the County of Gloucester, another at Hubbards old field in the County of Gloucester, and the last during the investment of York Town he was stationed on the opposite side of York River near to Gloucester Town. that among his said services he remembers marching through the following Counties and being at the following places (Viz) Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, Culpepper, Orange, Louisa, Hanover, King William, New Kent, King and Queen and Gloucester Town. That he has no recollection of ever having taken any written discharge from any of his said tours of duty, nor does he think it was usual in those days to give to the militia forces written discharges. That he has not therefore any documentary evidence to substantiate his claim for the said services. Nor does he know that there are any living witnesses by whom he can prove them. That he removed from his native County Caroline in the year 1796 and has since that period resided and does now reside in this County, and whether any of his companions in arms survive with him he does not know that since the passage of the law under which he is now preferring the claim for his said services he has written to Claiborne Durrett [pension application S39469] of Spotsylvania County (then of Caroline) with whom he served two or more of his said tours of duty, and by whom he could prove (if living) that part of his said services, but although sufficient time has elapsed since he wrote he hath rec'd from him no answer. He thinks it therefore probable that the said Durrett is dead. That he was born in the County of Caroline in Dec'r 1762. That he has seen his Fathers register but has none at this time of his own. 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

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