

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Wilshire S6425

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State of Virginia Prince Edward County Sc On this 21st day of January 1833, personally appeared before the court of Prince Edward County Now sitting John Wilshire a resident of said County aged eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the armies of the United States on the first day of September 1776 for twelve months in the State of Virginia, in the Company Commanded by Capt Robert Walton, and marched under him to Augusta in the state of Georgia, where we were attached to the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Joseph Habersham in the line of the Continental troops of Georgia, in the service of the United states, and that he was discharged according to the best of his recollection, on the first of April in consequence of sickness in the state of Georgia, by Colo Habersham. And on the 13th day of May 1781 he was drafted and marched under Ensign Abner Watkins [pension application S6341] from the County of Prince Edward to a place called Ratcliff's old field, where we joined head quarters, and were attached to the Company Commanded by Capt Richard Allen, and to the Regt commanded Colo Henry Skipwith, and remained in said Company untill we were discharged by Colo Henry Skipwith at a place called the Morben hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] on the 11th day of August; but has since lost a pockett book, which contained both of his discharges. And in answer to the different interrogatories presented by the War department. He says that he has no record of his age but has always understood that he was born the 10th day of February 1747, that he lived in the County of Prince Edward when called into service, have lived there ever since and live there now. That he enlisted for twelve months in his first Tour and was drafted in the last. He served under Colo Habersham and Gen. MacKintosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh] in the state of Georgia and under Colo Henry Skipwith in the Millitia, but I do not recollect what General officer. I received a discharge in both tours the first assigned by Colo Habersham, the last by Colo Skipwith, but have lost them both. He claims a pension for seven months in the Georgia Tower and three months in the Millitia Tower and that he never served in any capacity but a common soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state John hisXmark Wilshire

Mr. John Wilshire having made application to me for a certificate of his services as a militia man all that I can say is this. I have no personal recollection of him but from sundry circumstances that he states I have no hesitation in saying that I feel fully persuaded that he did march under me as Ensign & we joined the army at Ratcliff's old field and continued in the services untill a little before the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] & being discharged, we returned home but what the length of time was I do not recollect.

Given under my hand this 4th of Jan'y. 1833

Abner Watkins Ensign

[Georgia service certified by John Fram, pension application S41526.]

NOTE: There are two folders for this pension applicant, one of which contains papers relating to George Owrey of PA, pension application S17613.