

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Wilson S7907

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State of Virginia            } SS  
County of Monongalia    }

On this 22<sup>d</sup> day of July in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County court of Monongalia now sitting, William Wilson, a resident of said county aged seventy two 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 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, that on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>d</sup> of August 1779 [sic], he volunteered at Morgantown in said county, (under a call of Genl. [Daniel] Brodhead, commander at Fort Pitt, for volunteers to go up the Allegany [sic: Allegheny] river to take the Munsie [Munsee] town) that he with six others immediately repaired to Fort Pitt, and arrived there in three days - that he was placed under the command of a Capt. John Brady and Lieut. Caleb Peterson, officers stationed at Pitt - that Bradys company consisted of twenty eight rifle men, who were detailed as an advance guard - that in three or four days [on 11 Aug 1779] the troops amounting to about five hundred under the command of Genl Brodhead marched up the Allegany about one hundred and twenty miles, as stated by our Indian guide - that Brady's company was in advance of the other troops - that he believes it was eighteen days before they reached the Munsie town, which we took and burnt, the indians all escaping but fourteen who were killed - that we immediately returned to Fort Pitt, and he was discharged by Capt. Brady at that place which discharge he has long since lost - that he was in this service seven weeks and four days, that Evan Morgan [pension application S11098] who now lives in this county was in the same expedition. that he cannot recollect to what regiment Capt. Brady belonged, but he was said to be a regular officer —

That in the month of April 1780 he with fifteen others was drafted at said county to serve for one month as an indian spy or scout - that he with the company immediately repaired to Statlers fort on Dunkard creek, where the men having no commissioned officer selected him to take the command - that he remained untill the end of the month and were relieved by others - this fort amongst others, were situated in this part of the country and were guarded in the spring summer and fall months to protect the inhabitants from the indians - that there is not one of those fifteen men now alive to his knowledge —

That about the last of June in the year 1781 he again entered the service of the United States to go an expedition under Genl Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] against the indians - that for this purpose he with six others turned out as volunteers and went from Morgantown aforesaid in this county to Red stone fort now Brownsville [PA] - that at Brownsville we went on board Genl. Clarks' barge and descended the Monongahela to Fort Pitt, that on the way twelve or fifteen more joined us, that we left the barge at Fort Pitt and in four days had orders and went down to McKees' island to remain there untill Genl Clarkes arrival - that sometime, he cannot recollect how long, Genl. Clarke came down in his barge, accompanied by 150 men in five flat & about 30 perouge boats - that Genl. Clark placed him and his six companions in a company of Virginia militia, commanded by Capt. Robert Ferrell then of this county - he believes there was no regular officers with those troops, but there were some regular soldiers, whose term of enlistment had not expired, and who were not discharged untill they reached Kentuckey - that we hurried down the Ohio, and first landed at the mouth of Big Kenawha [sic: Kanawha River] - that Major Creighcraft [sic: Charles Craycroft] with about 250 men following on after us and to have joined us at the mouth of Muskingum, were attacked about six [miles] below Wheeling and nearly all killed - that the Major was taken prisoner, and with a bell hung round his neck taken into Canada, as he afterwards informed me - that we again landed at the mouth of Limestone. from thence went to the falls of Ohio, where after remaining some time, he was discharged by a written discharge signed by Robert Ferrell, which was destroyed on his way home in swiming a river - that the expedition was given up in consequence of our men being killed at the mouth of the Muskingum, and other causes were assigned - that he is confident that from the time he joined the expedition at Brownsville to the time he was discharged at Louisville was a period of

not less than five months, for he recollects very well, that he was nearly eight months absent from home, that he reached home on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1782, that he was forty one days on his way from Harrods fort [Harrod's Station at present Harrodsburg KY] thirty miles from Louisville where he had been confined a month with the ague, and that he went to that fort as soon as he was discharged

That Capt. George Jackson [R15396], afterwards a member of Congress and Zackquill Morgan [Zackquill Morgan, W1912] the proprietor of Morgantown were in this expedition with companies of militia

That he was born in Montgomery county Maryland, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1760, that at the age of thirteen he removed into this county where he has ever since resided, that he believes his brother Benjamin who lives in this county has the bible in which his age is recorded -

That he has for many years been personally acquainted with Rev'd Joseph A Shackelford, Capt. John Evans, Dudley Evans, Samuel Hannay, Richard Hatts, Mathew Gay, and many other respectable citizens of said county, who he beleives can testify as to his veracity and the general belief of his services in the Revolutionary War.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State —

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William hisXmark Wilson

Commonwealth of Virginia } SS

County of Monongalia }

This day [21 Aug 1833] came before me George McNeely one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for said county, Col. Dudley Evans to me personally known as a resident of said county aged sixty seven years who after being duly and solemnly sworn doth depose and say. That he has been personally acquainted with William Wilson of said county ever since the year 1777, that he has a perfect recollection of the building of boats along the Monongahela river, in order to carry down the troops intended for an expedition against the Indians under Genl. Clark. that he recollects that the said Wilson was one of the said troops, and that he said Wilson, left here with the troops in Capt. Ferrell's company of Virginia militia, but where he went to or how long he served, he is unable to say, but he recollects that the said Wilson did not return untill the spring following - that he has read the declaration of said Wilson made before the court of said county, at its last term, and he believes from his knowledge of the war in this section of the county, that it contains the truth - that he said Wilson is a man of respectable character — [signed] Dudley Evans

Commonwealth of Virginia } SS

Monongalia county }

This day [22 Aug 1833] came before me Richard Watts one of the Justices of the peace in and for said county, Evan Morgan, a resident of said county and to me personally known aged eighty years, who after being solemnly sworn doth depose and say. That he has been personally acquainted with William Wilson of said county fifty three years - that he was one of the volunteers, that in the year 1779 went in an expedition up the Allegany river, against the indian Munsie-town. that he very well recollects that the said William Wilson was one of the said volunteers and served seven weeks and four days in that service -

That he was not one of the soldiers in Gen'l. Clarks expedition against the Indians, in the year 1781, but he has a perfect recollection that the said Wilson was one of the soldiers in that expedition, but how long he served he is unable to say, but that the said Wilson did not return untill sometime in the spring of 1782 — [signed] Evan Morgan

[The following report is in the handwriting of District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated many pensioners from Monongalia and other counties in present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On this report Singleton wrote "Entitled."]

William Wilson amt. Pension \$25.11 cents

I the undersigned William Wilson at the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the

following narative of my age and Revolutionary Service to wit - I shall be 74 yrs. old the 24<sup>th</sup> August next - when in my seventeenth year of age (I cant tell in what year this was) I volunteered in Morgantown and with five others went on without any officer to Pittsburg and joined Capt. Brady company, - marched up the allegany to Munshee town, burt the town, killed fourteen Indians & one white man, & returned to Pittsburg & was discharged, having been in service 2 mo & 2 days. Genl Broadhead commanded the expedition -

in the next summer my brother Benjamin was drafted for one month. - I took his place & was stationed at Stadler Fort (Monongalia Cty) there was 23 men at this Fort under Sergeant James Tibbs - our duty was to guard the Fort & scout around the settlement - it was said at this time that this service was done under the direction of Col. Evans. whether it was so or not I cant say - I received no pay for ths service

in the next succeeding summer, I volunteered under Capt. Robert Ferrill at Morgantown. Seven including myself went to the mouth of Cheat River, there joined in Capt. Terrels and went down the Monongalia to Fort Pitt then to McKees Bottom, was there joined by Gen'l. Clarks army and went on with it to the falls of Ohio - & was there discharged - I marched from Monongalia the 18<sup>th</sup> June & got home in the succeeding March - I was [illegible word] discharged a short time before Christmas —

and thus ended my Revolutionary Services — In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name  
Nov. 7, 1834

Wm hisXmark Wilson

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Nov. 20, 1834