

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Augustin Wilson S7920

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### Georgia Washington County

On this the twenty Second day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 appeared before the Inferior Court of said County and State Augustine Wilson resident of the County of Washington State of Georgia aged Seventy Eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7 June 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 in the month of September or October with Captain Simon Bright and served in the first Regiment that was raised in North Carolina but by what number it was known he does not remember under the following named field and company officers – Colonel Salter [John Salter a/k/a John Saulter] Captain Simon Bright Lieutenant John Herritage, Ensign William Caswell. He marched from Dobbs County where he resided at the time he Entered the service to New Bern N.C. the place of Rendezvous when he was marched through Edenton N. C. To a village called the Great Bridge<sup>1</sup> within ten miles of Norfolk Virginia – after the arrival of our troops in the village it was stormed by a detachment sent by Lord Dunmore commanded by Fordyce [Charles Fordyce] whose given name and Rank is not recollected an Ensign and drummer were taken the rest were all killed or escaped through the marsh – he then marched for Norfolk which he Gov. Dunmore had plundered and abandoned and was there placed under the command of General Robert Howe – he remained there until the first day of January in the night of which day the British landed and Burned the town – for some days afterwards there was some skirmishing and a few were killed on both sides. We remained there about two months after the town was burned. We were then marched back to Edenton where we staid until May two months over the time of our Enlistment – and were marched to New Bern where we got a discharge since lost.

Subsequent to this period – about the month of September or October in the Year 1776 he volunteered in a Regiment Raised in Dobbs County N. C. Where he still resided under Col. Abram Shepherd [sic, Abraham Sheppard] by whom he was appointed adjutant. He marched from Dobbs County to Cambden [sic, Camden] on the Wateree River South Carolina where we joined or were joined by three other regiments commanded by Col. Dozier [perhaps Peter Dauge a/k/a Peter Dozier], Col. Eddington [perhaps, Jephtha Eatherton] the name of the other not recollected the Company officers recollected our Capt. Dancy Lieut. Edmons Lieut. Coleman

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<sup>1</sup> Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/751209-great-bridge.html>

who were in the Companies of the Regiment to which I was Adjutant – the object of our march was to put a stop to the depredations committed by the Tories & Indians in that quarter. He served the four months and having nothing to do returned home – without a discharge. Sometime during the fall season or later in the summer of 1778 he for the second time volunteered with Capt. John Kennedy [or Canady] Lieut. John Tuttle Ensign Thomas Bond who were the company officers. He was appointed first Sergeant by Col. William Caswell who was Ensign during the first Campaign which he the declarant served – Soon after we had taken up our line of march, Ensign Bond resigned and he declarant was appointed in his stead – we marched to Charleston South Carolina – where we were put under the command of General Ash [sic, John Ashe], who had joined us on our route to Charleston. The Army then marched for Savannah River where we took up head quarters for two months on Beach Island near Augusta – after which we crossed the River at Augusta and marched down the River to the mouth of Briar Creek where we halted for some time. Hearing that the British were below, we took the bridge and held our position – a detachment of the British consisting of about two hundred men had crossed [the] Creek above us. A body of about two hundred volunteers under the command of Col. W. Caswell were sent against them of which number he declarant was [one] – We came up with the British and exchanged a shot with their picket guard when we withdrew to take some rest and sent a spy who returned and informed us that the British had abandoned their camp – we found a few blankets and knapsacks – deeming the pursuit fruitless we returned to head quarters a short time afterwards we were surprised in our camps by the British who had crossed the Creek above and were firing on our picket before we were apprised of their approach – General Ash after the firing of one or two platoons fled ingloriously and our men seeing themselves deserted by their leader were not slow in the following his Example.<sup>2</sup> The Army was driven into the swamps the whole Army crossed the River pell-mell and in two or three days we were all rallied at the place then called the White House we were then marched to a little village on the River called Purrysburg where we staid one or two weeks – and took up our line of march for home where we arrived if I recollect aright about the latter end of April 1779. He served six months though volunteered for five – & short time after this he volunteered a third time and was with a Regiment raised in Dobbs County where he resided to the end of the War and was on a march northwardly when the glad tidings of peace reached us and the Army disbursed without discharges – at least he got none. –

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Lunenburg County Virginia the 4th of August 1855

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a record in a family Bible which I left I think in the possession of my sister in Dobbs – now Green County N.C.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Dobbs County North Carolina when called into service where I continued to live for 30 years afterwards. I then moved to South Carolina where I lived about 12 years –I then removed to Washington County Georgia where I have been living ever since.

[4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?—omitted]

4<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

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<sup>2</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

your service.

Answer. The answer of this question is contained in my declaration having named most of the officers with whom I had acted in the service. I remembered that General Inkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] met General Ash in his flight who was told by the latter that he had better retreat that he is Gen Ash's men were all defeated and slain – the answer to the 2nd part is contained in my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

6<sup>th</sup> I received only one which was signed by Captain Bright which has been lost many years

7<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Ans. 7. I received a commission as Ensign in Colonel Caswell's regiment signed by W. Caswell and witnessed [by] Richard Dobbs Spaight Governor of North Carolina a part of which is herewith transmitted

8<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I would refer the Department to the members of the Inferior Court for my character for veracity – for the rest I am not but lately here for anybody to know anything traditionally were I in North Carolina I might refer to many who believed in my services – but I know of but 2 men whose affidavits is herewith forwarded who were with me and who know of my services.

He the declarant 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 any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



S/ Samuel Robeson, JIC

S/ Silas Horn, JIC

S/ Bryant Oquin, JIC

S/ John Wicker, JIC,

S/ James Boatright

[William P. Haynes, a clergyman, and Quintitha [?] Skinner [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Sumter District: By Daniel Johnson one of the Justices of the Peace for the District aforesaid Personally appeared before me Elijah Johnson Senior<sup>3</sup> who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God and saith that he and Augustin Wilson was Nabours [neighbors] to geather [together] in North Carolina [and] in Listed [enlisted] in the army [Army] under curneal [Colonel] casewell [Caswell] in the year 1778 for five months the head commander officer was ginral [General] ash [John Ashe] and the Leftenent ginrail [Lieutenant General] Briant and marched through South Carolina in the georgea [Georgia] was in the Batlel [Battle] at Brier Creek and the augusthist wilson [Augustin Wilson] did serve his time faithfully

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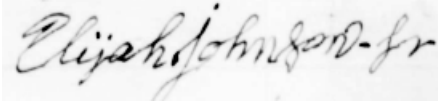
<sup>3</sup> [Elijah Johnson S18060](#)

[faithfully].

Sworn to before me this the 26th day of October 1829

S/ Daniel Johnson, JP

S/ Elijah Johnson, Sr.



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Georgia Washington County} Personally appeared before me Reuben Turner a Citizen of the County of Burke & State aforesaid (formerly a citizen of Dobbs County North Carolina) aged about Seventy Seven years: who being duly Sworn says that he was formally, & now is personally acquainted with Augustin Wilson of the County of Washington & State of Georgia & that this deponent states upon his own personal knowledge that the said Augustin Wilson did enter the Service of the United States as a volunteer soldier under Capt. John Canady in Col. William Caswell's Regiment and that he Served under General Ash and that he Served five months – that the said Augustin Wilson entered the service in the County of Dobbs State of North Carolina: that he was at the Battle of Briar Creek in the State of Georgia where General Ash was defeated.

Sworn to before me

14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833

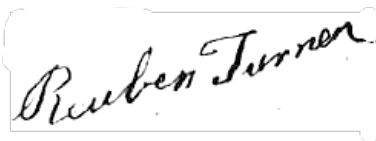
S/ Giles Floyd J.J.C. W. C.

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Georgia Jefferson County: Personally appeared before me Reuben Turner<sup>4</sup> a Revolutionary character and after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was personally acquainted with Augustin Wilson in the year 1777 and 1778 then living in the State of North Carolina Dobbs County and knew him to be a Revolutionary Soldier in a five months tower [tour] under General Ash Col. Wm Caswell's Regiment Capt. John Canady's Company and that he was commissioned Ensign and that I now reside in Burke County and I am still acquainted with him though the said Wilson is now a citizen of Washington County to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me November 23rd 1833

S/ Reuben Turner



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Georgia Jefferson County} Personally appeared before me Henry Turner<sup>5</sup> a Revolutionary character and after being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was personally acquainted with Augustin Wilson in the year 1777 and 1778 then living in the State of North Carolina Dobbs County and knew him to be a Revolutionary Soldier in a five months Tower [tour] under General Ash, Col. Wm Caswell's Regiment Capt. John Canady's Company and that now resides in Burke

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<sup>4</sup> [Reuben Turner R10760](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Henry Turner R10755](#)

County and I am still acquainted with him though the said Wilson is now a citizen of Washington County to the best of my knowledge and belief. Sworn to and subscribed before me November 23rd, 1833

S/ Henry Turner



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South Carolina Sumter District} Personally appeared before me Elijah Johnson Sr. who being duly Sworn Saith upon oath that the Deponent was personally acquainted with Augustin Wilson while living in Dobbs County North Carolina and for Sometime before the Revolution War commenced and though the deponent can not distinctly recollect for what time of service he the said Wilson may have Volunteered or Inlisted yet the deponent is Convinced that he the said Wilson and this deponent were fellow Soldiers for at least Six months and this deponent further Saith that the said Wilson was with him in the Battle of Briar Creek in the State of Georgia and knows further that the said Wilson conducted himself in a Patriotic and Soldier like manner and was an Ensign under Capt. Kaneday Which time begun as the deponent believes in the year 1778 under the Command of General Ash Lieutenant Gen. William Bryant Col. Caswell this Deponent Saith that the said Wilson may have been in the Twenty Second year of his age.

Sworn to before me

this 5<sup>th</sup> December 1833

S/ Elijah Johnson, Sr.

S/ H. Fullwood, J. Q.

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An amendment of Augustin Wilson to his Pension Declaration  
Georgia Washington County} Personally appeared in Open Court Augustin Wilson and after being duly sworn saith that it is out of his power to prove my service as an enlisted soldier as I know of no person living who was with me in said service in the year 1775. I know of no person who can testify to my service as Adjutant. I herewith attached the affidavit of Reuben Turner proving my five months service and my commission as Ensign and the affidavit of Henry Turner proving the same service of five months. I can say no more in my case only to repeat that I did serve my country in the Revolutionary war as I have stated in my declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 7th day of January 1834

S/ Augustin Wilson

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Georgia Washington County} Personally appeared before me Augustin Wilson who being duly sworn saith as an amendment to his pension declaration that he entered the Service as Sergeant and served about two weeks and a vacancy for Ensign occurred and he was appointed Ensign and served the balance of the tour as Ensign which was Six months – and that he has no way of proving his having been Adjutant but by his own oath.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 21st February 1834

S/ Augustin Wilson

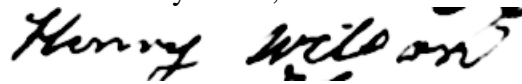
S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

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State of South Carolina Darlington District: SS: Henry Wilson<sup>6</sup> & Mary Vanse [sic, Mary Vance or Mary Nance?] both personally came before me John Stansberry and after being duly sworn both saith that in the year 1775 they know that Augustin Wilson did enlist as a Continental soldier in the Revolution war for 6 months under the command of Captain Simon Brite [sic] and that it was 8 months before he returned home out of the service – the Deponent Henry Wilson further saith that in the year 1776 he knows that Augustin Wilson folenteered [sic, volunteered] four months and acted and served as Adjutant 5 months under Conl. [colonel] Abram Shepard at Campden in South Carolina which was then called pine tree. Sworn before me this 8th day of November 1836.

S/ Henry Wilson

S/ Mary Vanse, X her mark

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Wilson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Henry Wilson".

[p 5: On November 12, 1839, in Darlington District South Carolina, Veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the South Carolina agency saying that he had moved to South Carolina to be near his children all of whom now live in South Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80.83 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private, Sergeant and Ensign in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>6</sup> [Henry Wilson W11852](#)