

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilkings (Willkings, Wilkins) S7923

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1834

On this the 12th day of March in the year 1834 before the Worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid viz. Allen Miller, Lewis H. Marsteller, James Howard, Amos Rochelle & Dugald McDuffie personally appeared John Wilkings a resident in the Town of Wilmington, in the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, aged seventy-five years last December, 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 --

1st In a company of Cumberland Cavalry under Captain Robert Rowane [sic, probably Captain Robert Rowan], ___ Evans Lieutenant in March 1780 as a volunteer and served six months in actual service as a private in expeditions against the Tories, that he embodied at Cross Creek near Fayetteville and was stationed for the most part in the Town but would occasionally make excursions out for twenty miles round, that on the approach of Cornwallis & his Army, his company left the place but returned and a few days, that in all his services he was not finally discharged, till taken prisoner by Captain Fanning [sic, David Fanning] the commander of a body of Tories in September 1781; that from the time he entered service till taken prisoner as aforesaid it was eighteen months, and for six months of the time he was in constant service without intermission and for the residue of the time, his services were not continual but for short periods at a time, and was always in readiness at a moment's warning and served besides the six months as above three months more, that he served with no Continental regiments or companies, but while he was in service, a great many Continental troops & militia passed through Cross Creek, he saw a considerable number of regular officers at Cross Creek but forgets their names, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person alive by whom he can prove his services -

Answers of aforesaid applicant to the Questions prescribed by the War Department --

1st I was born in Wilmington NC December 1758

2. I have no record of my age --

3. When called into service I was living at Cross Creek now Fayetteville. Since the

Revolutionary War I have lived in Wilmington for the most part & I'm now live in Wilmington NC --

4. I volunteered.

5. I beg leave to refer to my declaration --

6. I was never discharged but taken prisoner & after some time parole.

7. Doctor Dekosset, William Harriss, Richard Bradley, Doctor Thomas H. Wright, William B. Meare, & others I could name.

He hereby relinquishes every other claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas F. Davis, Clerk

S/ J. Willkings

[William Harris, Wm. Watts Jones, John McAuslan, Hinton James and Thomas P. Hunt, a minister of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavits.]

State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this the 9th Day of September 1834 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared John Wilkings to amend his preceding declaration, who being duly sworn doth on his oath depose & say that in March 1780 he volunteered and entered service as stated in his original declaration (having been previously drafted and hired a substitute) and served in one tour six months as a private guarding the Town of Fayetteville and Country around against the attacks & depredations of the enemy.

2ndly In May or June 1781 he volunteered & entered service again in a company of Fayetteville cavalry between thirty & forty in number under Captain Robert Rowane -- Evans Lieutenant & served against the enemy three months as a private.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ W. S. Larkins, JP

S/ Jno. Willkings

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the cavalry in North Carolina.]