

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Wilson S7924

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State of North Carolina Anson County} On this 1st day of August 1833 personally appeared before me Allen Carpenter one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Anson, Robert Wilson, a resident of the said County of Anson and State of North Carolina aged eighty six 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 June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He says that the 1st engagement that he entered the service about the 1st day of September 1775 in the County of Norfolk in the State of Virginia that he volunteered for three months in the militia service under Captain John Wilson and Lieutenant Willis Wilson and that he served said three months in Norfolk County and was in one battle with the British and Tories at the great bridge and defeated them and took some of them prisoners, he cannot recollect the Regiment to which he belonged neither can he recollect who was the Commander in Chief but he thinks that the British Commander's name was Fordice [sic, Fordyce] that fought against him, he says that he served said three months and received a written discharge from Captain Wilson but it was taken from him after he moved to North Carolina by the Tories when they robbed his house & took him a prisoner he says that shortly after being discharged that he moved to Halifax County North Carolina and that about the 1st day May 1776 or 1777 That he entered his 2nd engagement that he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Pope at Halifax town and marched under Colonel Long and Jones against the Tories at Cross Creek on Cape fear [River] but before he arrived at Cross Creek the Tories were defeated and retreated from Cross Creek and Colonel Long marched back to Halifax having served 3 weeks of his Term of service and was discharged by Colonel Long and after his discharge he moved to Anson County North Carolina now Richmond County about the year 1778 and he further says that he again volunteered for 3 months about the 1st day of May 1781 in the County of Richmond, under Captain William Wall and marched under Colonel Crawford to Drowning Creek after the Tories and that he continued to serve in Colonel Crawford's Regiment or Company till his time of service expired and that he received a discharge from Colonel Crawford for his full Term of service – and he further states that in the 3 engagements that he served 6 months and 3 weeks, and that he received discharges in all said engagements but has lost them or that they were taken from him or destroyed by the Tories. He says that he was born in Norfolk County in the state of Virginia. 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 whatever and that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of

any person now living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Wilson



Interrogatories by the Justice

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Norfolk County Virginia in the year 1747

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

Answer. I have none left by my father but I have understood that I was born on that date

3rd 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 Norfolk County Virginia when called into service I have lived in Richmond County North Carolina till about 15 years ago since which time I have lived in Anson County where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was in all my engagements a volunteer

5th 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 your service.

Answer. I cannot recollect the names of any regiments or any regular officers only those I have stated

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

Ans. I think that I received discharges in all 3 of my engagements 1st from Captain Wilson 2nd from Colonel Long and last from Colonel Crawford but in a short time after I received my discharge from Colonel Crawford and he got home the Tories came and burnt Colonel Crawford's House & plundered my house & took me a prisoner together with twenty-seven others and carried me a prisoner to Cumberland County and destroyed all my discharges and Me a prisoner 3 days when they discharge me on parole and sent a part of the twenty-seven to Wilmington & I understood they were put on the prison Ship and nearly all died with the smallpox.

7th 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. Arche Harris, William Clark and William Clark can state that my veracity is good & that they think I have been a soldier & that reputation says so.

S/ Robert Wilson, X his mark

[Archibald Harris, a clergyman, and William Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months & 21 days service in the Virginia and North Carolina militia.]