

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wilks S7927

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open court before Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting Thomas Wilks a resident of Laurens District South Carolina aged seventy-three 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 June the 7th 1832, viz. He entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated under the following named officers. He substituted for his uncle Richard Stone who had been drafted in Lunenburg County in February 1779 & went into service under Captain Joseph Winn, Lieutenant Cock Company officers; rendezvoused at Halifax old Town and there joined the troops under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Burrell and Colonel David Mayson [David Mason]: proceeded from thence to Hillsboro, thence to Salisbury North Carolina thence to Camden South Carolina and from thence joined the main Army commanded by General Lincoln at Stono near Charleston South Carolina: was in an engagement at Stono in the month of June 1779 [June 20, 1779]: From that place went to Camden with the sick & from thence was permitted to return home after a tour of six months –

Again in 1781 in Lunenburg County was drafted & went into service under Captain Michael McKie [?]. Took the line of March for Petersburg: before reaching which place, received intelligence of the approach of Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] and turned up James River and joined the troops under the command of General Robert Lawson and Colonel Holt Richardson on the [illegible, supposedly intended for the word "north"] side of James River – A few days before the siege at Little York was detailed to return home with a sick man and ended thus a second tour of three months service. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can be procured to prove his Revolutionary Services.

I was born in Charlotte County Virginia in the year 1759.

I have no record of my age.

I was living in Lunenburg County Virginia when I entered the service & removed to Lawrence District South Carolina in 1787 – & have lived there ever since.

I was a substitute for one Richard Stone the first period of service – and drafted the second period.

I recollect General Huger, General Lincoln, regular officers but no more.

I never received a discharge.

The Reverend Samuel Neill and James H Irby are persons acquainted with me and can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior – but knows of no person whose testimony he can be procured to prove my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity – except the present, and

declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ Thomas Wilks, Senior, X his mark

[Samuel Neill, a clergyman, and James H Irby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: early in 1840, the veteran moved to Monroe County Mississippi where he was still living in 1842. Other than the reference to his uncle made in his declaration, there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]