

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilson S7938

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: August Session A.D. 1832

On the 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting James Wilson a resident of Iredell County State of North Carolina 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered as a volunteer under Captain Caldwell Colonel Locke and General Rutherford for three months in Rowan County now out Iredell County, was marched to Charlotte and returned and marched back to Charlotte, thence to Ramsour's Mills where we arrived the day of [indecipherable word] after the battle, returned home and marched to Colson's² where we had a skirmish with the Tories, was sometime in the forks of the Yadkin [River] and from thence to Deep River and to Fayetteville, thence to Salisbury and was discharged at Mr. Coys [sic, ? Cox's?] Mill.

He volunteered for two months service under Captain Caldwell in the cavalry under Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie], and performed this tour in Mecklenburg & Lincoln County, scouring the Country from Tories, that according to the terms proposed at the time these two months in the horse was to be reckoned as three months. That he has lost his discharges and has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whose testimony he can prove his services except such as are set forth. He states that in addition to those two tours he was frequently out for a few days at a time in scouting parties, and does believe that altogether he was 6 months or more and actual service. He was born in Rowan now Iredell County in the year 1760, and has always lived in this County. He has no record of his age. He was called into service as stated above, and served under the officers named above and part of the command of

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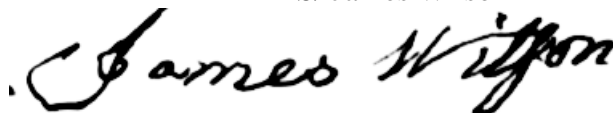
² July 21, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/colson.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_colsons_mill.html

General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] who fell at the Catawba [River]. He refers to David Hair and Robert Hair.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ James Wilson



S/ A. Simonton, Clk.

[David Hair and Robert Air gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition: "David Hair³ further saith that he saw James Wilson in the Service of the Country at Charlotte, Robert Hair⁴ says he saw James Wilson in the service at Torrence's and several other places during the Revolutionary War." Both witnesses signed with their mark.]

State of North Carolina Iredell County

On this 1st day of June 1833 personally appeared James Wilson before me the subscribing Justice of the peace in and for said County and 1st being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he is not able to swear positively to the length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

His first tour was performed a private in the foot commencing in the year 1780 and was performed as set forth in his declaration -- 3 [months].

His second tour was a private in the cavalry commencing in October 1780 and performed as before stated -- 2 [months]

In the year 1781 in the early part of the year he was a volunteer under Captain Caldwell a private on foot and Colonel Locke rendezvoused at Salisbury, marched to the neighborhood of the Catawba at the time Cornwallis crossed it and was at Torrences⁵ at the time of the skirmish there -- 15 [days]

That in 1781 he was again a volunteer a private in Captain Allison's company of foot in Colonel Paisley's [John Paisley's] Regiment. He rendezvoused at Salisbury thence he marched to Deep River and thence to Fayetteville and returned to Salisbury -- 1 [month]

6 [months] 15 [days]

Sworn & subscribed this 1st day of June 1833 before me

S. J. Campbell, JP

S/ James Wilson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ FPA S6978

⁴ FPA S9567

⁵ February 1, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/torrences-mkr.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html