

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilfong (Willfong) S7951

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Be it known that John Willfong [sic] personally appeared before me Michael Cline one of the Justices of the peace for said County of Lincoln who on his oath declares, that he is the same Identical John Willfong who served as a private in the Company commanded by Captain John Sigmon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell of the County of Burke in said State aforesaid in the Militia in the Revolutionary War and that he was wounded in the left arm while in service at the Battle of King's Mountain, and that in consequence of said William was placed on the pension List of North Carolina and since transferred to the pension List of the United States at the rate of \$2 per month and further states on his oath that he never received a Certificate for the said pension from the State of North Carolina or from the United States but states that he for some time since he drew his pension from the proper authority of the State of North Carolina and the United States for the North Carolina agency at Fayetteville and that he is the same person that was examined by James Beuny [?] and William Johnston practicing physicians on the 22nd day of October 1822 and that he now lives in the County of Lincoln aforesaid where he has resided for many years and that he is same person he represents himself to be. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 9th day of November 1822.

S/ Michael Cline, JP

S/ John Willfong

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting, John Wilfong, a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina aged 70 years of age 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: the last of August or the first of September 1780, he entered the service as a volunteer under Colonel Charles McDowell, Captain Sigman, Lt.

¹ For some unknown reason, this veteran's file is split into 2 parts, one filed under the North Carolina applications (which contains the actual pension application) and the other filed under the South Carolina applications.

Van Horn; marched to Morganton North Carolina; from thence to Cain Creek [sic, Cane Creek] in Burke County North Carolina where they had a slight skirmish; from thence to Watauga; they then returned [on] the same route; joined by Colonels Sevier [John Sevier], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Campbell [William Campbell]; to Cane Creek, Burke County North Carolina; from thence to Gilbert town in Rutherford County North Carolina; from thence to the Cowpens where they were joined by Colonels Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Williams [James Williams] and some Lincoln troops; from thence they marched across Broad River and fought the battle of King's Mountain the same day. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was killed and the whole Army taken prisoner; in which battle he was wounded in the left arm by a ball in consequence of which he returned home on the 8th October 1780.

Entered the service the second time as a volunteer for 10 months [on the] 15th July 1781 as will appear by certificate marked "A" under Colonel Hammond, Captain Cowan, Lieutenant George Hammond, marched from Lincoln, North Carolina to near Augusta Georgia; marched from thence into South Carolina; joined General Greene's Army; from thence to Eutaw Springs and was in the battle in 1781; from thence marched to White Hall South Carolina. In March 1782 marched to the Cherokee Nation under Captain Jesse Johnson; returned to General Pickens in South Carolina where he served the residue of his term and was discharged as will appear by exhibit marked "B".

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll or agency of any state only on that of the agency of North Carolina which certificate is hereby annexed.

He has no documentary evidence except what is annexed and Michael Cline's independent statement.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in North Carolina April 8, 1762.

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

Answer: I have not, but have seen my age in my further testimony [sic].

3rd: Where were you living when called into service, where were you living in the revolutionary war and where do you live now?

Answer: In Lincoln County North Carolina the name of which County has been several times changed.

4th: How were you called into service & see.

Answer: Volunteered.

5th: State some of the regular troops and officers etc.

Answer General Greene, Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee.

6th: Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom?

Answer: General Greene commanded at Eutaw, Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee.

Washington was taken prisoner at Eutaw. He discharge is to this declaration exhibited [sic].

7th: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood who can testify as to your veracity, good behavior and your service in the revolution.

Answer: Michael Cline and John Fritckey [sic].

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John Wilfong



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[John Fritckey, a clergyman, and Michael Cline gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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"Michael Cline² swears that he knew of John Willfong's being wounded in the service -- and that he received a Negro for services --

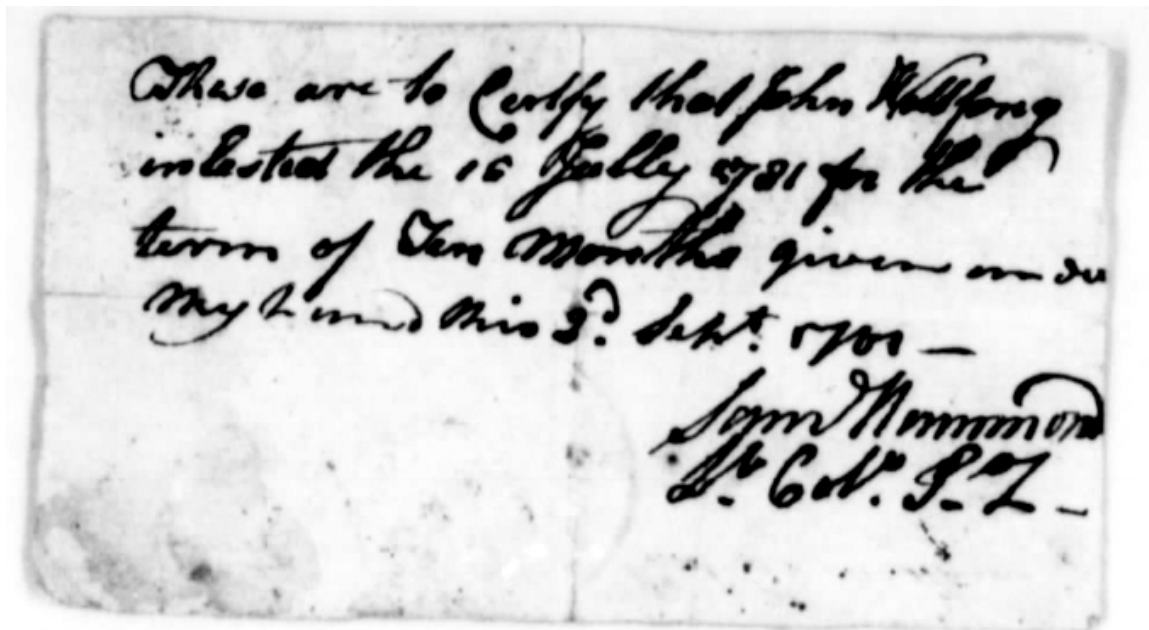
S/ Michael Cline"

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"These are to Certify that John Willfong inlisted the 18 July 1781 for the term of Ten months given under my hand this 3rd September 1781 --

S/ Saml. Hammond

Lt. Col. S. T."




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inlisted the 18 July 1781 for the
term of Ten Months given under
my hand this 3^d Sept. 1781 --
Saml Hammond
Lt. Col. S. T.

I do hereby Certify that John Willfong a Soldier of my
Late Regiment of So. Carolina State Troops Servd the time
for which he engaged with that Spirit & honesty which
[illegible] the Character of a good Soldier for which
He was Paid a Negro, and this is to Certify his right
to the same, with his Discharge, by me [illegible] Destru[missing letters]
This 31st May 1783

Sam Hammond³

² [Michael Cline W6675](#)

³ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

I do hereby certify that John Withers is a Soldier of my
late Regiment of the Carolina State Troops, said the term
for which he engaged with that of April & Money to which
there is no other addition of any other Soldier, for which
he was paid a Reg. and this is to certify his right
to the same, with his Discharge, by me  Destina
this 31st May 1785 -
John Hammond

[Veteran was inscribed on the rolls of North Carolina at the rate of \$2.66 2/3 per month pursuant to a certificate issued November 29, 1822. Veteran was also pensioned at the rate of \$37.54 commencing March 4th, 1831 for 11 months & 18 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]