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Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Pension of Theophilus Wilson

In the House of Representatives, December 16, 1847

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report.

Ordered that it be sent to the Senate for Concurrence

By order

S/ T. W. Glover, C. H. R.

In the Senate

December 17th, 1847 Resolved that the Senate do concur in the report

Ordered that it be returned to the House of Representatives

By order

S/ W. C. Martin, C. S.

G. W. Williams

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The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the Petition of Theophilus Wilson, praying to be placed on the Pension Roll of this State, beg leave to report.

That they have considered the same & recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and that he received a pension of \$60 per annum commencing on the 1st day of March last

S/ G. W. Williams, Chairman

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To the Honorable the President & other Members of the Senate of South Carolina: The humble petition of Theophilus Wilson of Fairfield District, respectfully Sheweth: That at the session of your Honorable Body in 1847, the petition to be placed on the Pension Roll of the State as 1 of the Survivors of the Revolutionary Soldiers and was allowed a pension at the established rate of \$60 per annum from the 1st of March 1847 (See Reports & Resolutions of House of

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Representatives of 1847, page 335): That he respectfully refers to said petition as containing a minute history² of his services in the War of the Revolution which so gloriously resulted in the achievement of the liberty of our prosperous Country: Your petitioner would further state that such was the character of his services during that struggle that he never received any payment of his monthly pay for the same, he having served as a Waggoner most of the time in said War and the balance of the time as a substitute for his father John Wilson, who was a devoted patriot and soldier of the Revolution, and at that time old as he was not only went into service himself, but also had 4 other sons than your petitioner, engaged as soldiers in the Cause of liberty: That his said father & sons James Wilson, William Wilson pension by this State and died in 1837 Jesse Wilson & John Wilson Junior then lived in what is now Fairfield District, and were principally engaged in the militia service of South Carolina under Colonel Richard Winn, Colonel Robert Goodwyn, Major Joseph Kirkland, and Captain William Simons and Captain James Craig all of whom were officers from same section, viz., the present District of Fairfield, except Colonel Robert Goodwyn who was from what is now Richland District. That his said father & brothers are all now no more and your petitioner the youngest & last survivor of his father's family alone is left to speak the facts of those trying times & services: That your petitioner was only about sixteen years of age when his said father who was Wagon Master in part for Colonel Robert Goodwyn's Regiment & in part for Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment put your petitioner into service of driving wagons for said regiments in which service he was actively engaged at various periods amounting in all to between 2 & 3 years. That he being under age and employed under his father as wagon master aforesaid did not receive at the Conclusion of the War any compensation or Monthly pay and as his name was not on the Company Rolls Consequently the Militia Reports of this State furnished no evidence of his services. That your petitioner unable to obtain a pension from the United States for the want of such evidence, he having delayed to prove his services in the lifetime of any known surviving comrades & not being aware of the provisions of the Act of Congress of 1832 & having grown old & in indigent Circumstances petitioned Your Honorable Body to be placed on the Pension Roll in this State in 1847 and was graciously allowed a pension at the rate of \$60 per annum from first March 1847 in the receipt of which he still continues. Your petitioner would now respectfully pray as the infirmities of age are fast overtaking him being now nearly Eighty-five years old, so that he cannot maintain himself by manual labor and may soon become a complete Charge upon his Children all of whom are in indigent Circumstances having large families of their own to support, and from the fact that he never received his said monthly pay and also from the additional fact that other Soldiers of the Revolution who are now dead & who for a series of years shared your munificent Bounty receiving their pensions annually for a period as far back as & even further than the Act of 1832 aforesaid would pray the arrears at the same rates due him from 4th of March 1831 from which time said Act allows payments of pensions to be made to the 1st March 1847 from which time your petitioner has been receiving his pension. Your petitioner respectfully refers to the Honorable Senator & Members of the House of Representatives from his District touching his reputation as a Revolutionary soldier and his Character as a Citizen. Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable Body to allow him said arrears so that he may be placed on a similar footing with others who likewise served their country in her 1st great peril, and thus he be enabled to pass his few remaining days free from want & from being a charge upon his Children who are not in easy Circumstances or upon the poor list of his District, & as in duty bound he will ever pray &c him

² this document is not included among the documents in this file

S/ S. Olin Talley, Magt.

S/ Theophilus Wilson, X his mark

State of South Carolina Richland District} Personally appeared before me Theophilus Wilson who being duly sworn saith that the Contents of the foregoing petition are true and that he is now nearly eighty-five years of age his birth day being on 15th December ensuing. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th day of November 1852

Before me

S/ S. Olin Talley, Magt.

S/ Theophilus Wilson, X his mark

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The undersigned members of the Legislature from Fairfield District would respectfully state that they are personally acquainted with the petitioner Theophilus Wilson and that he is quite aged and in indigent Circumstances: That he enjoys the undisputed reputation of having served his Country in the Struggle for Independence and we take pleasure in recommending the favorable Consideration of his petition and that the same be granted him.

Columbia

November 27, 1832

S/ John Buchanan, member of Senate

S/ R. B. Boylston

S/ H. H. Clarke

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Report of the Committee on Military & Pensions

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Theophilus Wilson praying to be allowed the arrearages of pension, as leave to

Report.

That they have had the said Petition under consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted

S/ J far Munhall, Chairman

[p 14: On November 23, 1853 in Richland District South Carolina Theophilus Wilson Junior petitioned the South Carolina legislature stating that his father, Theophilus Wilson Senior, died June 25, 1853; the petitioner seeks the arrears of the annual pension due his father at the time of his death. He signed the petition with his mark.]

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Wee the under siners [signers] doe agree to give upe all the clame [claim] and in trust [interest] That wee have the State of Theofles Wilson desest [deceased] & give it upe to Theofls Wilson Junry the sum of deset [?] give him alls demans that we have aganst the State of South Carolina [text obliterated] muny [money] and this shall be our recete [receipt] from all wee the unders of the ars [heirs?] free dide the 25 of June 1853

S/ John J. Willson, X his mark

S/ Susan Wilson, X her mark

S/ Naomi Kelly [?], X her mark

S/ Hirom Wilson, H his mark

Eden I. Wilson
mark
Susan Wilson
mark
Marion J. Kelly
mark
Theron H. Wilson
mark

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The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Children of Theophilus Wilson late of Fairfield District deceased asked leave to Report

That they have had the same under Consideration and find that Theophilus Wilson the Father of your petitioners was a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum and that he was paid up to the 1st of March last and the said Theophilus Wilson died on the 28th day of June 1853 and recommend that the sum of \$25 the amount due him from the 1st of March last to the 28 of June last be paid

S/ A. S. Wallace