

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilson W10000

Sarah

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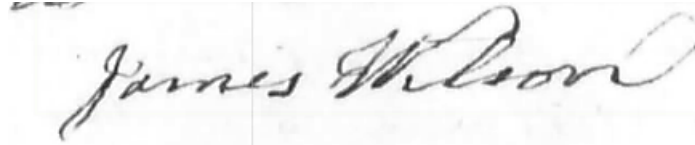
State of Indiana Lawrence County: SS: Lawrence County Probate Court November Term 1832
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832
On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before Rollin C. Dewey Judge of the Probate court of the County of Lawrence aforesaid the same being a court of record James Wilson a resident of Indian Creek Township in the County aforesaid aged 61 [sic, 71, he says he was born August 28, 1761] years of age last on the 28th of August 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 of the 7th of June 1832. That he was born in Frederick County Virginia, that sometime in the summer of 1780 but on what month or day [he does not recollect] he entered the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war in Winchester in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia a volunteer for one month to guard some prisoners in Winchester under the command of Henry Brinker who commanded the guard – after which he returned home where he remained but a short time, when in the fall of the year 1780 he again entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer to guard some prisoners from Albemarle to For [?] Fredrick in Maryland the length of said engagement this declarant does not remember but thinks it was about a month, that he does not remember under whom he served in said engagement, That after he returned home from the last engagement that he was drafted as a militia man from the County of Frederick aforesaid sometime about the first of June 1781 for the Term of three months in the company commanded by Captain William Frost and Lieutenant __ Lindsey [possibly Abraham Lindsay], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Edmunds and Major __ Blackwell that in said last mentioned tour we retreated from Lord Cornwallis from twelve miles below Richmond Virginia to the line of Albemarle County Virginia, where we were met by General Anthony Wayne's Brigade and the Botetourt and the Augusta forces after which we pursued Lord Cornwallis and his force to Williamsburg Virginia and from thence to Little York, about which time this deponent [received] his discharge from Captain William Frost having served in said Tour something more than four months. This deponent further states that after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis that he volunteered to guard the Winchester barracks for the Term of two months which was some time in the year 1781 under Captain __ Cockley and Major John Gillkason [sic, John Gilkerson?]¹—that during the last time of service as herein stated that this declarant acted as orderly Sergeant, That he was discharged at the expiration of two months in his last engagement as herein stated. That he has a record of his age at home in a book entitled Ambrose *Looking to Jesus* [sic, Isaac Ambrose¹: *Looking unto Jesus*] by which record he

¹ Isaac Ambrose (1604-1664) Excerpt from [Meet the Puritans](http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/meetthepuritans/isaacambrose.html) by Dr. Joel Beeke and Randall J. Pederson
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was born the 28th day of August 1761. That he has no written evidence of his services nor can he prove the same other than by his neighbors and Abraham Mitchell a clergyman of said County of Lawrence which he prays may be made a part of this record – that he has lost his discharges supposing them to be of no value and for that reason did not take care of them – that since he left the Army of the Revolution as herein stated – that he lived about 4 years in Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh, from thence he removed to Nelson County Kentucky where he resided 2 years from thence to Washington County Kentucky where he lived about 15 years, from thence to Jefferson County 20 odd years, from thence to Lawrence County Indiana where he has resided for the last 2 years.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court day & year first above written.

S/ James Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Abraham Mitchell, a Minister of the gospel, Joseph Glover and Stephen Potter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 15: In February 1839 in Lawrence County Indiana, Sarah Wilson, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is 74 years old, the widow of James Wilson a soldier of the revolution; that she married him December 25, 1783; that her husband died September 7th, 1834 in Lawrence County Indiana and that she remains his widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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[fn p. 9: certificate from the clerk of the County Court for Frederick County Virginia stating that the register of marriages in his offices reflect that James Wilson and Sarah Brown were lawfully married by the Reverend John Montgomery on the 25th day of December 1783.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.56 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months and 20 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]