

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Wilson¹ W11445 Elizabeth (Eliza) Shoemaker² f59VA

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5th Judicial District of Kentucky

On this third day of September 1819 before me the Subscriber Circuit Judge for the district aforesaid and sole Judge of the Nelson Circuit Court personally appeared David Wilson aged about Sixty six years resident in Nelson County who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he the said Wilson was drafted in the year 1775 for Eighteen months in the Eighth Regiment of Virginia and at the expiration of said Eighteen months he the said Wilson entered in said Regiment under Col. Parker³ during the war, in Culpeper County (via) Commanded by Capt. Thomas Parker⁴ on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in that Regiment until he was taken Prisoner at Charles Town [Charleston] (South Carolina) [May 12, 1780]⁵ at which time he was exchanged and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene 's] Regiment commanded by Capt. Wallace and that he continued to serve in said Regiment during the war when he was discharged from service at Manchester Barracks in the State of Virginia that he has lost his discharge by time or accident that he was in the battle of ~~Monmouth~~ the Brandywine, Battle Monmouth and Battle of Charles Town where was taken prisoner as aforesaid, that he is reduced in Circumstances and Stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support and that he has no other evidence in his power of his services. Also came before me at the same time Gabriel Murphy⁶ and stated on oath that he is acquainted with the said Wilson's Circumstances and knows that he did perform the services stated in the preceding declaration. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno P Oldham [John P. Oldham]

Schedule

¹ BLWt113205-160-55

² Former widow

³ [Richard Parker BLWt525-500](#)

⁴ [Thomas Parker BLWt1741-300](#)

⁵ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

⁶ [Gabriel Murphy S35531](#)

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State of Kentucky Nelson County: SS

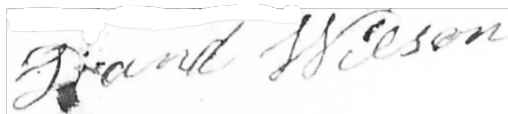
On this 15th of January 1821, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said County, David Wilson aged 67 [could be 64] years, resident in Nelson County State of Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he served in the 8th Virginia line Captain ___ Parker – his original decon [declaration] is dated ___ day of ___ 181_ his certificate of pension No. 16.399. That on his certificate he has received his pension up to the 4th of March 1820.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1 Horse	value	\$20	
3 Pigg	value	1	total \$21.00

his occupation is a Weaver his wife is aged 27 years of age & 2 children one of them line.

S/ David Wilson



[p 23: Transcript of certificate of marriage of David Wilson and Eliza Borders on January 21, 1818, married by Joshua Morris.]

[p 24: On August 13, 1866 in Nelson County Kentucky, Eliza Shoemaker, 79, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of David Wilson who died in Nelson County December 18, 1835; that at the time of his death he was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolutionary war; that she married David Wilson in Nelson County January 21, 1818; that they were married by Joshua Morris a preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Eliza Borders; that since the death of David Wilson she married him locked Shoemaker who died August 5th, 1861; that her residence is about 6 miles from Bardstown on the road leading to Fredericksburg. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 15: On December 8, 1871 in Nelson County Kentucky, Eliza Shoemaker, 84, a resident of the vicinity of Bardstown in said County and State declared that she was the widow of Nimrod Shoemaker; that she was formerly the widow of David Wilson, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married Wilson in Nelson County Kentucky January 21, 1818; that they were married by one Joshua Morris, a preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Eliza Borders; That her husband died in Nelson County Kentucky in the month of December about 36 years ago; that Nimrod Shoemaker died in Nelson County Kentucky August 5th, 1861 leaving her again a widow which she has remained; that she makes this statement in order to obtain the bounty land due her under the act of March 3, 1855 and May 14, 1856. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 3, 1819 for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing August 5th, 1861.]

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Addendum to David Wilson W11445

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 2 June 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky Nelson County Sct.} [25 April 1823]

This day David Wilson personally appeared before me Moses Lane A Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he Enhlisted in Virginia in the year 1775 for during the war in Capt. Parkers Company in the Eighth Virginia Regiment on the continental line commanded by Col. Parker [Richard Parker BLWt525-500] and that he was appointed Corporal in the year 1779 and continued to act in that capasaty and serve in said service untill the end of the war and that he was discharged a corporal and was honourably discharged at Winchester in Virginia and that some time before he moved to this cuntry (in Virginia) his house was burnt and his discharge was burnt with it and he has never received his land warrant for said services

David Wilson

State of Kentucky Nelson County Sct.}

This day Gabriel Murphey personally appeared before me Moses Lane A Justice of the peace for said county and made oath that he was well acquainted with the above named David Wilson and that the fore going affidavit given by him respecting his service above contains the truth and that he was discharged a corporal and he belives he has never received his land Warrant for said service

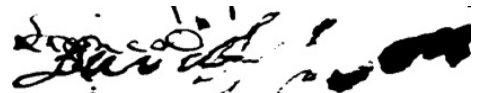


[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The memorial of David Wilson to the Executive of Virginia

Your Memorialist respectfully represent to the Executive of Virginia that he enlisted under Captain Parker of the 8th Virginia Regiment continental establishment commanded by Col Richard Parker, for and during the at Petersburg Virginia about the spring of 1776 and continued until the end of the war having served six years and nine months. Your memorialist states that he was wounded at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and that he was with Gen'l [Daniel] Morgan at the battle of Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and that he was discharged at Cumberland Old courthouse in Va, then under the command of Col Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450]. Your memorialist now receives a pension under the act of Congress 1818 at 8 dolls per month which commenced on the third day of September 1819. And that he resides in the County of Nelson State of Kentucky. Your memorialist therefore respectfully requests the Executive of Virginia to direct the Register of the Land office of Virginia to issue to his attorney in fact John P DuVal the warrant for the bounty Land due to him for a services to the end of the war of for three years as may be proved. Your memorialist state that he has never received bounty land from Virginia or assigned his claim as private or Corporal.

[1 June 1835]



Report on the claim of David Wilson a Soldier, and Corporal, of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor

Sir; The name of David Wilson appears twice on the Army Register of the Continental line – once as a soldier of Infantry, for his services in which capacity Gen'l. Morgan received a certificate for £44 the balance of his full pay &c April 7th 1783 – and once, as Corp'l of Inf'y and, for his services in this character, Andrew Waganer received a certificate for £19.6.8 the balance of his full pay &c oct. 7, 1784 (see A. Regtr. C. L.)

It appears from the records in the Land office, that David Wilson Corp'l has receiv'd 400 acres of Land for his services: and that no other soldier nam'd David Wilson has receiv'd bounty land.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

August 11, 1835

N.B. The aff[idavi]t of Gabriel Murphy has been fil'd, which proves, that David Wilson serv'd 6 years & nine months. If he has receiv'd 400 acres of land, is he not entitled to the additional allowance of $\frac{1}{6}$ th of 400 acres, for every years service over 6 years, or after that date, for nine months service over 6 years?