

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wilson W11852¹ Mary fn27NC²
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South Carolina Darlington District

On this 24th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Richard Gantt one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions held for the District & State aforesaid Henry Wilson aged seventy years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1780 he volunteered into the service of the United States & joined the Company of militia at Kinston North Carolina under the command of Captain Stephen Herring, the higher officers which I now recollect were Major William Sheppard & General Caswell – that he was in a tour through Jones County in pursuit of Tories about one month and returned to Kinston & remained one month more when I went home and the day returning home I was for 6 months – I immediately returned to Kinston & joined the same forces named above & acted as fifer. The Regiment was marched in Jones County to meet the British under General Craig we had a small engagement with them General Craig then retreated through Onslow towards Wilmington. The Regiment pursued to within six miles of Wilmington: when we were informed that the British had embarked & further pursuit was unnecessary our term of service being out we were then discharged.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Answers to Interrogatories

1. I was born on Tarr River [Tar River] North Carolina September 4th, 1763
2. The only record of my age was lost by the burning of my house
3. When I entered the service I was living in Dobbs County North Carolina, since the Revolutionary War I lived in Wayne County North Carolina until 1815 when I moved to this State & have ever since lived in this District.
4. I volunteered at 1st & was afterwards drafted & served in all 8 months.

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5. I knew only the officers named in the preceding declaration & the circumstances are there detailed.

6. I did receive a discharge near Wilmington but it was burned with my house at the time the record of my age was burnt.

7. Mary Vanse [Mary Vance?] now in this neighborhood knows that I was in the service & I name Robert Campbell – Elias D Law – Theodore Dubose to show my reputation for veracity & good conduct.

Sworn to in open Court before
S/ Richard Gantt, P. Judge

S/ Henry Wilson



[Robert Campbell, a clergyman, and Elias D Law gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Darlington District: Mary Vance came personally before me John B. Bruce & made oath that she knew Henry Wilson during the Revolutionary War & that he was a constant good Soldier and that the facts set forth in his declaration are substantially true.

Sworn to before me 24th of October 1833

S/ Jno. B. Bruce, CCP

S/ Mary Vanse, X her Mark

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State of South Carolina Darlington District

On this 18th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Baylis J Earle Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting, Henry Wilson a resident of Darlington district & state aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 –

About six months before the siege of Charleston I volunteered under Major Sheppard in Captain Hearons Company and served three months – he lived at that time in Dobbs County North Carolina. He was in a skirmish in Jones County North Carolina. He was drafted and served three months more under the same officers. In his first engagement in the service, he marched from Kinston towards New Bern North Carolina and in the last he marched through Jones to Bladen County. He does not recollect the names of any [of] the regular officers. He has no documentary evidence – and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Wilson, X his mark

S/ B J Earle, Presiding Judge

[Robert Campbell, a clergyman, and Theophilus Norwood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 124: on May 11, 1855 in Darlington district South Carolina, Mrs. Mary Wilson, 60, filed

for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Wilson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him June 12th, 1822; that they were married by D. Flowers, a Minister of Darlington district; that her husband died November 22, 1838 being 77 years of age.]

[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.]