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Pension application of William Willson (Wilson) W18352 Elizabeth Wilson f35NC fo  
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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 4th day of November 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Willson resident of Johnston County aged eighty-six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836. That she is the widow of William Willson who was a private Soldier and served his Country in the War of the Revolution that her husband the said William Willson enlisted in the year 1777 for the space of 3 years and served under Captain Simon Alderson that she recollects distinctly the time he left him to join the Army that it was about one year after they were married and the remembrance of the time is very fully impressed on her memory from the fact of her lonely situation during the long absence of her husband from home. That she was legally married to the said William Willson in the month of June 1776 in Johnston County by the Reverend Reuben Hayes a Baptist Preacher that her maiden name was Elizabeth Ward. That she has no record of her marriage nor does she believe any was ever made in some or kept nor were the ages of her children ever Registered in any place her husband being an illiterate and ignorant man paid no attention to anything of the sort. She has had two children the oldest one of whom is Elizabeth is now in the 67th year of her age and William my next child has been dead some years. Elizabeth was born I believe in the same year in which her husband left him for the Army. That her husband the said William Willson died in Johnston County in the month of October 1830 aged 74 years and that she has remained a widow ever since as fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto it appended.

S/ Elizabeth Willson, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ Elizabeth Willson, X her mark

before me S/ J. G. Gully, JP

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 30th day of November 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County James Odom<sup>1</sup> aged 94 years a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary war who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit. This affiant testifies and says that he was well acquainted with William Willson of

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<sup>1</sup> [James Odom S7278](#)

Johnston County who was a Soldier during the Revolutionary War that he served with him as long as he was in the war and found him in the service when he entered it and left him in the service. I know he belonged to Captain Simon Alderson's Company. This affiant knows William Willson was legally married to Elizabeth Ward and I also know that William Willson died in Johnston County about the year 1830.

S/ James Odom, X his mark

[p 10: Copy of a marriage bond issued to William Willson and Simon Pearce dated June 1, 1776 issued in Johnston County North Carolina to secure the marriage of William Willson to Elizabeth Ward.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that William Wilson a private Soldier in Captain Alderson's Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777 for the term of 3 years, and that he was omitted in February 1778, and that he drew a land warrant for 3 years services.

Given under my hand this 19th day of April 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William Wilson a private soldier in Captain Anderson's Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777 for the term of 3 years, and was omitted in February 1781. That a land warrant No. 4523 for 374 acres, was issued for his services, drawn by General JT roads on the 22nd day of December 1796.

Given under my hand this 19th day of June 1852

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that William Wilson a private soldier in Captain Alderson's Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777, for the term of 3 years and was omitted in February 1778, and is the only one of that name in said Company and that he drew a land warrant for 3 years service on the 22nd December 1796. There was no other William Wilson in the 5th Regiment.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1853.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for the 2 years service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina militia.]