

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of John Willson (Wilson) W2391 Elizabeth fn34NC¹
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State of Kentucky, Pulaski Circuit Court

On this 15th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the circuit court of Pulaski County holden by the Honorable John L. Bridges, circuit Judge, now sitting as Court, John Willson a resident of the County of Pulaski, State of Kentucky in the Seventy seventh year of his age 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that while a resident of Albemarle County, State of Virginia, the time, from the lapse of time and loss of memory, he cannot state exactly, a call was made for soldiers & he volunteered for the Term of two months. The name of this Captain of the company to which he belonged is not now recollected; was in the Regiment commanded by Col. Taylor and was employed during the term for which he volunteered in guarding the prisoners taken by the Americans at Burgoyne's defeat [Battle of Saratoga] and was stationed at Albemarle Barracks. There was at the same place other companies beside the company to which he belonged both of Regulars and Militia, all under the command of Col Taylor as this affiant now thinks and believes. He served out the said two months; was discharged; received a written discharge; by whom signed, he does not recollect; which has long since been lost or destroyed. Afterwards, the time not now recollected, while a resident of Surry County, North Carolina, there was again a call for soldiers and he volunteered for the Term of Three months in the company of Captain Joseph Cloud and at the place of rendezvous, Captain Freeman took command of the company instead of Captain Cloud. Samuel Dyer was the Ensign, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tazewell and after being rendezvoused he was marched towards the City of Charleston, South Carolina with a view to afford succor and relief to the City, which was then besieged, but before we reached Charleston, a

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capitulation had taken place and the City was in possession of the Enemy. He served out said three months except eight or nine days and was discharged by his officers by furlough. Provisions being scarce and their officers being for want of provisions to disband the Army, which furlough has long since been lost or destroyed. Afterwards, the exact time he does not recollect, while a resident of Surry County, North Carolina, a call was made for mounted men and he volunteered in a company of horse men under Captain Joseph Cloud, commanded by Colonel Campbell and after joining the Army was marched towards King's Mountain and belonged to the same Army that fought the Battle of King's Mountain but was not himself in the Battle having been ordered and detached on the day the Battle was fought to guard the horses belonging to the Army that were not in use at the time. He entered the service for no express or specified period but was to serve until he should be dismissed by his officers. He was engaged in the above service at the Battle, the exact time he cannot now state, but not less than six weeks and after the Battle was ordered to guard the prisoners taken in the Battle and was engaged not less than four weeks and was stationed during the time at the Moravian Towns and was discharged from the service but now does not recollect whether he received a written discharge or not. Afterwards, the time not recollected, [while] still a resident of Surry County North Carolina, a call was made for soldiers and he volunteered in the company of Captain Joseph Cloud, was under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene], was marched with the Army to Guilford and was in the Battle fought at Weitzel's Mill. Colonel Washington of the Horse, Colonel Lee and General Morgan were all commanding corps in said Battle. He volunteered for no specified term but was to serve until discharged by his officers; was engaged in the service from the time he entered until he was discharged the time precisely he cannot state but not less than two months. Received no discharge in writing.

Afterwards, the time not now recollected, while a resident of Sullivan County, State of North Carolina, he volunteered in Captain Christopher Taylor's company of horse to serve against the Indians on the frontiers; was under the command of Governor Sevier [John Sevier]; was marched to the Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee River and from thence towards the Creek Nation of Indians. ____ Anderson was Major in this service; he was discharged by his officers after having been engaged in the service the exact time he is unable now to state but not less than two months but received no discharge in writing and while out on this last mentioned service, his horse was stolen by the Indians which horse he has since never obtained and for which loss the United States has not as yet paid him one cent. The horse was valued in the manner prescribed before the company marched from the place of rendezvous to be the value of twenty five pounds. He has no documentary evidence whatever of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He is known to Martin Owens, the nearest clergyman resident in his present neighborhood and Samuel Dugan, residents of his immediate vicinity and neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution. The said John Willson further says he was born in the state of Maryland ^{the County he does not know as} on the 30th day of November 1756 according to the information ^{he was very small when he left there} of his parents. He has no record of his age. Nor does he know where they is [sic]. [He] removed from there to Albemarle County, State of Virginia; from there to Surry County North Carolina; and there to Sullivan County North Carolina; from there back to Surry

County and from there about 28 years ago removed to Pulaski County Kentucky in which County he has up to this time continued to reside and still resides.

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 of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/John Willson, X his mark

[Martin Owens, a clergyman, Samuel Dugan and John Cowan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 40: On March 5th, 1853 in Pulaski County Kentucky, Elizabeth Wilson, 74, applied for a widow's pension as the widow of John Willson; that she married him in Pulaski County, Kentucky on April 9, 1812; that they were married by John Chisney [sic, John Chesney] JP; that her name prior to her marriage was "Snead"; that her husband's pension was paid up to the date of September 4th, 1844.]

[fb o, 72: affidavit by 2 witnesses that John Wilson died October 26, 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.15 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 10 days service as a private of cavalry and 4 months and 22 days service as a private in the infantry. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$42.10 commencing February 3, 1853.]