

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilkerson W26042 Margaret fn39NC
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State of North Carolina person County

On this 16th day of September 1834 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting John Wilkerson a resident of Person County & State of North Carolina aged about seventy-five 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 A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated (viz.) The first Service in which he was engaged was in a company of militia raised in the County of Granville State of North Carolina for a term of three months & commanded by Capt. Jesse Sanders; in this Company he volunteered as a private & was marched under the command of Col. Joseph Taylor and Major William Taylor to Hillsboro North Carolina where they joined other forces. From this place he proceeded to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) where he joined the forces under Col. Martin who had come from Salisbury or from someplace in that direction, while he remained at this place (Cross Creek) the Scotch Highlanders & Tories (against whom he was destined to act) were defeated & dispersed by the forces under Col. Caswell, this happened at a bridge not far distant from the place at which he was Stationed (he thinks Blueforts bridge[]) at the expiration of his term of service (three months) he marched back to Granville & was discharged. He knows of no living witness to this service Nor is it possible from memory to state the dates at which it began war ended. But believes it to have been sent him after he became liable to military duty & in the date 1775 or 1776.¹ He has no written discharge from this tour but believes as he returned & went under the same officers he served his full term & was regularly discharged.

The next service he performed was in a Company of Militia raised also in the County of Granville aforesaid for a term of six months and commenced by Capt. Richard Taylor in this company he was a Volunteer & a private he first proceeded to Hillsboro NC and joined the forces under the command of Col. Archibald Lytle & was marched by him to Salisbury & joined the forces under General Rutherford & proceeded with them to the ten mile house on this side [of] Charleston South Carolina after having remained some time at this place he proceeded to Purrysburg on the Savannah [River] where General Lincoln was stationed here he remained until he joined a volunteer detachments under Col. Lytle & marched up the River to Augusta crossed the River & under General Ash [sic, John Ashe] & General Bryant was at the battle at Briar Creek after the defeat of the Americans at that place he crossed the Savannah & joined the forces on this side & marched down the River to a place called the Two Sisters at & about this place he

¹ the battle of Moore's Creek bridge occurred on February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

remained until his term of service had expired he thinks he was discharged on or about the 14th April 1779, & served six months. He has no written discharge from this Service but as he is conscious that he served out his full term of service or more & went & came under the same Officers he believes he was regularly discharged. Hampton white with whom he was acquainted during this tour is alive & by him he expects to prove this service. He declares he has no record of his age, but from the best accounts he can get he is 75 years of age, he was born in Lunenburg County State of Virginia but was moved when a child to the County of Granville State of North Carolina where he resided until the year 1779 when he settled in his present residence. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ John Wilkerson, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court

[Thomas Halliburton, a clergyman, and William Street gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Person County

I Hampton White² a resident of the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with John Wilkerson during the revolutionary war, that he said Wilkerson was a Soldier in that War: at the time of the battle of Briar Creek & before that battle.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hampton White, X his mark

[fn p. 237[sic]]

State of North Carolina Person County: County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions

On this 16th December A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices now sitting John Wilkerson a resident of Person County aforesaid aged about seventy-five 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 & served as herein after stated. Viz.

The first Service in which he was engaged was in a company of militia raised in County of Granville N. C. & commanded by Capt. Jesse Sanders in this Company he Volunteered his services as a private for the term of three months. He was marched from the County of Granville to Hillsboro under the command of Col. Joseph Taylor & Major William Taylor where he joined other forces: with those he proceeded to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) at this place he joined other forces under Col. Martin who had come from Salisbury or from someplace in that direction: while at this place (Cross Creek) the Scotch Highlanders & Tories (again soon he supposed he was destined to act) were defeated by the forces under Col. Caswell when the term for which he had engaged to serve had expired he was marched back to the County of Granville & discharged, he cannot state the date of this tour of duty but believes it to have been soon after he arrived at the age which subjected him to the discharge of military duty: he has no living witness (that he knows of) to this tour of duty nor has he any written discharge & does not remember whether he received one or not, but believes as he went & returned with the same officers, that he was regularly discharged after having served his full term of three months --

The next Service he performed was in a company of militia raised in the County of Granville also & commanded by Capt. Richard Taylor. In this Company he volunteered his services for six months as a private. He was marched to Hillsboro & was joined to the forces

² [Hampton White S38467](#)

under the command of Col. Archibald Lytle: from this place he was marched to Salisbury where he joined the forces under the command of General Rutherford & proceeded with him to the ten mile house on this side of Charleston South Carolina here he remained some time & then proceeded to Purrysburg (a village on the Savannah [River]) at which place General Lincoln was stationed having remained here some time he joined a detachment under Col. Lytle with whom he proceeded up the Savannah River to Augusta where some British were stationed at the time, they retreated & we crossed to the Georgia side under General Ashe & General Bryan & pursued them to Briar Creek. We found the bridge over this Creek destroyed during the delay caused by the preparing of the Bridge the British marched up the Creek recrossed & came down upon our rear & commenced an attack upon the American forces. The Regiment to which he was attached was stationed at the bridge nearly a half-mile in front of the Main body & the first intimation he received of the attack was by the firing in the rear, he received orders to advance to the firing, but was met by our men in disorder & retreating, he with many others, recrossed the Savannah that night by swimming & joined the forces own this side, the next place he recollects of being at was called the two sisters [sic, Two Sisters Ferry] at & about which place he remained until his full term of six months had expired of the date of this Service he has no recollection, but remembers that shortly after his return he purchased the tract of land owned which he resides & his deed is dated 1779 in October he remembers that if he ever received any written discharges but they are lost but he is conscious he was regularly discharged as he knows in each tour he served the full term for which he was engaged. Hampton White with whom he was acquainted during this service is alive & by whom he expects to prove that he was engaged the said tour. He was engaged during the revolutionary war in one other tour under Capt. Mason Foly [Mason Foley?], this Company of Cavalry raised in the County of Caswell for the term of three months: but in this Company he cannot state how long he served as he returned home by permission of a certain Col. Moore & did not again entered the service but substituted. For the other two tours (to wit) one of three months & the other of six months he claims a pension.

He states he was born in the County of Lunenburg Virginia that when a child his Father removed to the County of Granville North Carolina, he has no documentary evidence but from the best evidence he has he is about 75 years old he settled at the place where he now lives (ie) in the County of Person State of North Carolina A.D. 1779 & has resided there ever since: He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Wilkerson, X his mark

[James King, a clergyman, and Thomas Halliburton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 509[sic]]

State of North Carolina Person County: November 14th A.D. 1834

This day Hampton White a person of Credibility comes before one of the Justices of the peace in & for the said County and after having been duly sworn according to law testifies & says that he was acquainted with John Wilkerson (who is now a resident of Person North Carolina) during the Revolutionary War; that he remembers that the said were person was attached to a company raised in the County of Granville for the term of six months, that he was acquainted with the said Wilkerson during the service & was well acquainted with the circumstance of the said Wilkerson, swimming the Savannah the night after the battle at Briar Creek and that said Hampton White further saith that he cannot on account of bodily infirmity &

old age attend Court.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Hampton White, X his mark

S/ B. W. Milner, JP

[fn p. 50[sic]: is a certified copy of the marriage bond issued to John Wilkerson and Josias Carver, Senior, November 10, 1836, to secure the marriage of John Wilkerson to Peggy Tatum: the bond was issued in Person County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 192 [sic]: on June 19, 1855 in Person County North Carolina, Margaret Wilkerson, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Wilkerson deceased, a pensioner of the United States under the 1832 act; that she married him November 10, 1836; that he died March 17 1846; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 63 [sic]: on July 6, 1855 in Person County North Carolina, Margaret Wilkerson aged 74, a resident of said County filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Wilkerson; she states that she married him November 10, 1836; that they were married by Thomas Halliburton; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Tatum; and that her husband died March 17, 1846.]