

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Wilson (Willson) W6531 Elizabeth fn54NC<sup>1</sup>  
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State of North Carolina Pitt County: SS

On this the ninth Day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas & Court Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now sitting (the same being a Court of record) Willis Wilson a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged eighty 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: viz. He was born near the town of New Bern in the County of Craven & State of North Carolina sometime about the year 1752 and that he has no record of his age. That he left the County of Craven when about three years of age and resided in the County of Pitt & State aforesaid at the time he enlisted and has continued to reside there ever since. That he enlisted in the State Regiment of North Carolina under the command of Colonel John Herritage of which Regiment John Allen was Major & belonged to a company of cavalry commanded by Captain Benjamin Caswell, sometime in the month of February in the year 1779 and that he continued to serve in the said Regiment for the space of nine months, and until he was discharged at Kinston in the State of North Carolina sometime in the month of November of the same year. That he never received any written discharge, but the Soldiers were disbanded by virtue of an assembly of North Carolina. That he marched through the Western part of North Carolina beyond Pedee River, but was never engaged in any battle – that he did not serve with any Continental Regiment or Company and that he knew none of the regular officers except Major John Allen who he understood had been an officer in the regular Army. The said Regiment was called out by the State and never marched beyond its limits. He further declares that he has no documentary evidence of his Services and knows of no person except Doctor Robert Williams of Pitt (who served in the same Regiment) 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

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<sup>1</sup> At the time this file was viewed on Footnote.com, the page numbers assigned by Footnote.com to the digital images of each of the pages in the file were nonsensical. Footnote.com indicates that it is working on trying to resolve this issue with its software.

and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ Willis Wilson, X his mark

I Robert Williams<sup>2</sup> of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Willis Wilson, whose declaration is hereto referred – that I served as surgeon in the same Regiment of the North Carolina line in which the said Wilson enlisted commanded by Colonel John Herritage, & knows that he served for about or near the space of 9 months in the Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Benjamin Caswell. That he the said Wilson belonged to the said Company in the month of February 1779 & that he was discharged with the rest of the Company at Kinston in North Carolina sometime in the month of November he believes 1779 & he believes him to be 80 years of age – I further certify that the said Willis Wilson has ever since resided in the County of Pitt – and that I believe him to be a man of veracity.

Sworn to in open Court August 9th, 1832



S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

[Jesse Cherry & David Sutton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 235: On January 9th, 1844 in Pitt County North Carolina, Elizabeth Wilson, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Willis Wilson, a pensioner of the revolution at the rate of \$37.50 per annum; that she married him in the year 1788; that her husband died September 25, 1833; that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage.]

[fn p. 158: On May 6, 1848, Benjamin F Hazleton gave testimony that Elizabeth Wilson, widow of Willis Wilson, died July 11, 1844.]

[fn p. 401: certificate dated March 17, 1845 from the North Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to a Willis Wilson for military services during the revolutionary war.]

[fn p. 481: Elizabeth Cox gave testimony on May 28, 1846 in Pitt County that her son John was born January 8, 1791 and that he, John, was about the same age as the oldest child of Willis & Elizabeth Wilson, Jonas.]

[fn p. 628: On October 7, 1846, Aaron Cox gave testimony that he was born January 10, 1780 and was 10 years old at the time Willis Wilson brought his wife Elizabeth home after their marriage and that 10 or 11 months thereafter Willis and Elizabeth had a son Jonas who was born in October 1790.]

[fn p. 647: On November 23, 1846 in Pitt County North Carolina, Abram Cox, gave testimony that he was born October 15, 1788 as shown by his father's family Bible record; he relates a story as to the birth of Jonas Wilson.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Robert Williams S7922](#)

[fn p. 707: On May 14, 1845 in Green County North Carolina, Martha Jones, 73, gave testimony in support of the date of the marriage of Willis Wilson to Elizabeth Williams at the house of the father of said Elizabeth in 1789.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the same rate commencing March 4th, 1843.]