

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Abraham Wilson W6532

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State of Virginia } SS  
County of Spotsylvania }

On this seventh day of August [1832] personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania Abraham Wilson a resident of and in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia aged seventy two 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year [blank] with [blank] and served in the [blank] regiment of the [blank] line under the following named officers.

He was born in Spotsylvania County in 1759 - No record of his age. He lived at Culpeper when drafted & has lived in Spotsylvania since the revolution. the certificate of discharge

He did not enlist but served in the Virginia Militia where he was drafted, in Culpeper County in the month of February 1779 (the day he does not recollect) His officers were Capt Joseph Strother. From Culpeper he marched to the Albemarle barracks. he continued two months at said barracks. he was then marched to Fredericksburg and joined the main army, where he continued down on the seaboard of Virginia for two months. He returned home and in October 1780 he was drafted and marched under Capt Frank [Francis] Coleman two Hanover and the James River Country. He here continued till after the Siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct], at which siege he was present. He was then discharged a few days after the s'd siege but does not recollect the particular date. He was in all in service 18 months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Abraham Wilson  
[Certified by Philip Pendleton, clergyman, (pension application S18157), and Richard Steers (S6163).]

NOTE: On 6 Jun 1843 Elizabeth Wilson, 77, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Abraham Wilson by Parson H. C. Boggs in Spotsylvania County on or about 20 Oct 1792, and her husband died on or about 10 Aug 1841. In the file is a copy of a bond by Abraham Wilson and John Stears for the marriage of Wilson to Betsy Stears of Spotsylvania County said to have been dated 6 Nov 1794. On 4 May 1846 Richard Stears (or Steers, pension application S6163) deposed that he was present when Elizabeth Stears was married to Abraham or Abram Wilson at the house of John Stears by Alexander Boggs, an Episcopal preacher about 1 Oct 1793. Stears also stated that Wilson "served with me a tour in the war in the year 1781 under Colo. Meriwither who commanded the 3<sup>d</sup> regiment to which we were attached which service included the siege at York town in the year 1781 Mr Wilson was not in my Company but in the same regiment with me." Philip V. Vass (pension application S19493) deposed that his son, Walker Vass, was born 10 Jan 1792 and was eight or nine months old when he attended the wedding of Abraham and Elizabeth Wilson. On 6 Dec 1852 Abraham H. Wilson and Robert H. Wilson, children of John Wilson and Benjamin Wilson, both deceased, who were the only children of Abraham and Elizabeth Wilson, applied for the final pension payment due to Elizabeth Wilson up to the date of her death on 9 May 1849.