

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilkinson<sup>1</sup> W6552

Nancy

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[Note: Unfortunately the veteran's Regiment pension application is totally illegible in both the Footnote.com and HeritageQuest.com versions as they are illegibly faint. In order to give some flavor of the content of that application, I have transcribed one of the letters to in response to a request for information regarding the veteran's service.]

May 22, 1939

BA-J/MCS

James Wilkinson, W.6552

[Addressee]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your requests for information relative to James Wilkinson, a Revolutionary War pensioner who lived in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

The data which follows was obtained from papers on file in the pension file W.6552, based on the military service of James Wilkinson.

The soldier was born in July, 1763, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The names of his parents on not shown.

While a resident of that County, he enlisted in the fall of 1779 and served five months and two weeks as private in Captain John Nichols' company in a Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonels Joseph Jones and Frank Faulkner; he was in an engagement with the British at Broadway on the James River and one at Hood's Point on said River and another some distance below Hood's Point. He enlisted in the fall of 1780 and served one month as private in Captain William Hardaway's Virginia company.

After the Revolution he moved to Warren County, North Carolina, from there he moved to that section which was later Tennessee and about 1793 he moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina.

James Wilkerson was allowed pension on his application executed October 28, 1833, at which time he was living in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

He stated in 1833 that his father's Bible was in the possession of his sister (her name not given) who was then living near him.

James Wilkinson died April 4, 1846, in Catawba County (which was formally a part of Lincoln County), North Carolina.

He married August 27, 1818, in Lincoln County, North Carolina, Nancy Stiles.

She was allowed pension on her application executed October 5, 1854, at which time she

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was 55 years of age and was living in Pickens County, Alabama.

In 1869, the widow, Nancy, was living in Pickens County, Alabama, with her son whose name was not given.

One Carey or Cary Wilkinson was living in Lincoln County, North Carolina, in 1833, but it was not stated that he was related to the soldier.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.

Very truly yours,  
A. D. Hiller,  
Executive Assistant to the  
Administrator

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months and 4 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the same rate commencing February 3, 1853 and ending July 26 1861 and re-commencing July 27 1868 at \$96 per annum.]