

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wilkins W9024

Elizabeth fn60SC

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State of Kentucky Todd County: To wit

On this 5th day of April 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Wilkins a resident of Todd County Kentucky aged ninety-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836, the 7th of July 1838 and the 23rd of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of James Wilkins that her husband served in the war of the Revolution for at least three years as she understood at the time, He was in the service of the State of South Carolina Some time in the South Carolina line of the regular Army and after his time was out he served in the Militia. He was in the artillery service and was in officer most of the time, but may not have been higher than a Sergeant, except for a short time when he was a Quarter Master, She is unable to name the officers he served under, at one time he was under Captain Turner in Colonel Winn's Regiment but most of the time he was in Charleston Regiment of Artillery. He was in the service from the in the year 1780 until the end of the War. She also declares that she was married to the said James Wilkins on the 16th day of May 1769. That her husband the aforesaid James Wilkins died on the 6th day of March 1824, that she was married to him prior to his leaving the Service, viz. at the time above stated, and that she is still a widow,

S/ Elizabeth Wilkins

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me and I further certify that from old age and bodily infirmity the affiant is unable to attend Court

S/ J S Solomon, JP

[fn p. 448: Certificate dated November 22, 1844 from these South Carolina Comptroller Generals Office showing payments to a James Wilkins for 62 days service in the militia in 1782; 42 days service under Captain Turner in Colonel Winn's Regiment; 20 days service as Quarter Master; 506 days service as Sergeant in the Charleston Battalion of Artillery from 1780 to 1782.]

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State of Kentucky Todd County: Set

Be it known that on the 18th of August 1845, personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Thomas Wilkins a Resident of the County of Christian and State aforesaid, aged seventy-four years, who being duly sworn according to law, saith on his oath: that he is the second son of James Wilkins Deceased and Elizabeth Wilkins his widow that he was born in Chester District South Carolina in the year 1771 on the 24th day of March as appears from the Record in the old family Bible that is now in the possession of his Mother Elizabeth Wilkins -- that he recollects to have heard his Father James Wilkins speak of being in the Revolutionary War under Captain Turner in Colonel Winn's Regiment, that he knows Captain Turner under whom his Father served, He lived in Chester District South Carolina about 14 miles from his Father's James Wilkins, He recollects of his Father returning Home from the war and remaining a short time, after the defeat at Charleston, South Carolina with a wound under his left collarbone received in the war, and that during his Father's absence in the Army he distinctly recollects the Tories driving off his Father's cattle & horses and of his mother following them begging them to leave her a cow & calf which they refused to do -- that his Father James Wilkins was greatly enraged about it when he returned Home, from the war, that his Father and Mother James & Elizabeth Wilkins emigrated from Chester District South Carolina to Christian County Kentucky, afterwards Todd County, the neighborhood in which he died in the year 1804 - - that this affiant emigrated from the same neighborhood of his Father in South Carolina to the neighborhood of his Father in Christian County Kentucky in the year 1808 -- in the 37th year of his age with a wife and seven children that he resided near his Father up to the time of his death which was on the 6th day of March 1824 -- in the County of Todd and State of Kentucky -- that his Father and Mother the aforesaid James and Elizabeth Wilkins lived together and was recognized as man and wife legally married from the earliest recollection of this affiant until the death of his Father the aforesaid James Wilkins and that his mother the aforesaid Elizabeth Wilkins is now a widow and resides in Todd County Kentucky, that the aforesaid James & Elizabeth Wilkins had in all fourteen children, (to wit) John Wilkins deceased the oldest son, this affiant, the 2nd son, Ann Wilkins Deceased the oldest daughter, William Wilkins 3rd son now in his 71st year -- Mary Wilkins 2nd daughter, Margaret Wilkins Deceased 3rd daughter, James Wilkins deceased 4th son, Jennetta Wilkins 4th daughter -- Alexander Wilkins deceased 5th son, Hugh B. Wilkins 6th son, Elizabeth Wilkins deceased 5th daughter, Sarah Wilkins Deceased 6th daughter, Martha Wilkins, deceased, 7th daughter and Isabella Wilkins the 8th daughter, that he was well acquainted with Hugh Ross and John Walker -- neighbors of his Father in Chester County South Carolina and that said Ross was a man grown when this affiant could first recollect,

S/ Thomas Wilkins, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Todd County

On this the ___ day of May 1851 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County State aforesaid Hugh B. Wilkins who being 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 the 4th of July 1836, to wit that he is the son of the Elizabeth and James Wilkins Deceased. That his aforesaid father was as he verily believes a Private, Sergeant and Quartermaster in the Army of the Revolution. That he verily believes that his aforesaid father

and mother were married about the year of 1769. That he verily believes that his aforesaid mother Elizabeth Wilkins was entitled to a Pension under the above act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836 for the services of his aforesaid Father, in the Revolutionary war -- he most respectfully asks the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions to cause it to be allowed to [indecipherable word] under the above act and that the certificate evidencing the same the enclosed to his Attorney Isaac A. Trabue of Frankfurt Kentucky, and with him only and such others as he may authorize does he wish correspondence holden in reference to the aforesaid claim. He hereby revokes all other authority heretofore given to prosecute the aforesaid claim. That his aforesaid mother remained a widow until her death which took place on the 31st day of May 1847 and left William Wilkins, Isabella Mock, Mary Woodburn & Hugh B. Wilkins the Declarant who are her only living children.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me the day and year aforesaid
S/ Geo. L. Cabaniss, JP

S/ Hugh B. Wilkins

[fn p. 52: family record]

John Wilkins was born April 24th 1770

Thomas Wilkins was born March 24th 1771

Ann Wilkins was born May 29th 1772

William Wilkins was born September 15th 1774

Mary Wilkins was born January 16th 1775

Marget Wilkins was born June 5th 1776

James Wilkins was born January 26 1777

Jennet Wilkins was born November the 5th 1778

Alexander Wilkins [text missing] February 16th 1783

Hugh Wilkins was born August 22 1784

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$99.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 ending May 31, 1847 for the services of her husband in the revolution, 2 months & 2 days as a private in the artillery and 16 months 20 days as a quarter master and Sergeant of artillery in the South Carolina militia.]