Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Nathaniel Wilkins VAS4998 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I John Robins [possibly VAS4268] of the County of Northampton and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Nathaniel Wilkins who joined the revolutionary war in the early part thereof and was attached to the 9th regiment of Virginia troops on continental establishment, with which regiment he marched under the command of Col. Thomas Fleming [BLWt409-400] to the northern station. I am not positive as to the grade which the said Wilkins held, but believe that he was first Lieutenant at the close of his term of service; according to the best of my recollection he served throughout the war after his enlistment (which was in the early part of it.) Given under my hand this 23 day of [illegible]

John Robins

I William Stran of the County of Accomack and State of Virginia aged about sixty four years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Nathaniel Wilkins who joined the revolutionary army about the latter part of 1775 or early in 1776. The said Wilkins was attached to the 9th regiment of Virginia troops on continental establishment as a Lieutenant and marched under the command of Col. Fleming to the north where I frequently saw him, particularly about the time of the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] in which he was engaged as the deponent has understood & believes. I recollect perfectly well that he did serve as above stated and to the best of my recollection he continued in the army during the whole war; I never heard of his resigning or quitting the service. witness my hand this 31st day of March 1823

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I Samuel Waples [W6427] of the County of Accomack do hereby certify that in the latter part of the year 1775 or beginning of the year 1776, I entered the army of the United States in the 9th Virginia [undeciphered] Regiment on Continental Establishment. That I was at that time a lieutenant and on my joining the army I became acquainted with Nathaniel Wilkins late of the county of Northampton who was also a Lieutenant in the same Regiment That on the capture of the s'd Regiment at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] the Deponent and said Nathaniel Wilkins were both taken prisoners & continued prisoners together untill the month of December in the year 1777 when this Deponent & the said Nathaniel Wilkins both escaped on the same day from Prison that this Deponent & the said Wilkins returned to the army & remained in the army together untill Spring 1778 when this deponent obtained a furlough and returned home & since that time he has no distinct recollection of Lieut Wilkins being in the army.

Given under my hand the 10th day of April 1823

Sam Meples

The heirs of Nathaniel Wilkins late a Lieut. in the army of the Revolution Continental establishment, humbly petition the Executive of Va for additional land bounty, and rest their claim upon the evidence of Wm Stran & John Robbins Esqrs. Bounty claimed for 1776 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 & '83 making 8 years

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 On 19 May 1823 Bounty allowed for
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additional bounty is now claimed, or for any period that may seem meet to your honorable body.

NOTE: The claim was submitted by George F. Wilkins of Northampton County on 8 May 1823.