Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to George Wilson VAS5041 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

State of Ohio Adams County ss [4 Nov 1830]

The Deposition of Nicholas Blake taken before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid in the town of West Union in the said County The said Nicholas Blake being of full age, a resident of the County of Adams and being duly sworn to declare the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth deposeth & saith that he was personally and intimately acquainted with the late Lieut. Colo. George Wilson dec'd who departed this life in the State of New Jersey while in the service of the United States in the revolutionary War in the year 1777 That this deponent was acquainted with the said Lieut. Colo. Wilson before he entered the service of the United States and while he was in the said Service That this deponent belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colo. McCoy [Enos McCoy; see endnote], of which the said Wilson was Lieut. Colonel and that this deponent was at his funeral That the said Lieut. Colo. George Wilson lived with his family on Georges Creek before & at the time he entered into the service of the United States in the revolutionary war and for several years afterward; but since that [4 Nov 1783] it has been divided by the Commissioners appointed by the States of Pennsylvania & Virginia to be within [illegible] Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania and further this deponent saith not.

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[Parts of the following are illegible where indicated by *.] Fayette County [*] Ss

Personally Appeared before [*] one of the Justices of the Peace in and for Fayette County Penn'a Thomas Ramsay and being duly sworn deposes and says that he was personally and intimately acquainted with the late Lieutenant Colonel George Wilson before he entered the service of the United States [*] the said Col. Wilson at the time that [*] before that time resided with his family [*] that the State of Virginia claimed and exercised jurisdiction over that part of the country in which [*] Col Wilson [*] at the time that he entered into the service of the United States and for several years afterward – that the said Col Wilson was commissioned by the Government of Virginia [*] Lieutenant Col in the Virginia Line [*] the Army of the Revolution in the state line [*] his own establishment. And [*] as this Deponent understood, in the service [*] Deponent he continued to live [*] neighborhoods where Col Wilson resided [*] entered the service and knows that [*]

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Before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Joseph Anderson and being sworn deposes and says that he was enlisted shortly

after the commencement of the revolution in the company commanded by Captain Wm. Croghan [William Croghan BLWt448-400] & in the regiment commanded by Abraham Bowman [W396; 8th Virginia Regiment of Foot] of the Virginia line. That he was well acquainted with Col. George Wilson as well as with Matthew Hennin the [blank space] deponent and knows him to be a man of veracity. that said Matthew belonged to the Virginia line and as evidence of this fact he would state that he saw said Matthew

receive his discharge from Brigadier General Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] at Vally forge near Philadelphia. that said Matthew as well as this deponent [undeciphered] served about two years in the [several illegible words] George Wilson to whose regiment said Hennen was attached) died at Quibble town New Jersey [now in New Market] & this deponent saw him buried. The officers of this regiment as this deponent understood & believes were commissioned by the Governor of Virginia and were first intended to guard the frontier but were afterward marched eastward, Joseph hisXmark Anderson Sworn & subscribed before me 25 Nov 1831./ William Hunter

May 26 1832/ Allowed upon further evidence J. Floyd [Gov. John Floyd]

Pennsylvania Greene County ss. }

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Before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Matthew Hinnen [Mathew Hennen S22828] and being sworn deposes and says

that he first enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia line in Dunmore's war in Captain John Wilson's company in the year 1774 and served at that time six months and sixteen days for which he was paid at the rate of 50 Shillings per month Virginia currency. That after the revolutionary war broke out to wit in the month of August 1776 this deponent enlisted at Minors mill dam, (then considered as in Virginia) by Captain John Wilson [see endnote] and in the regiment first commanded by Enos McCoy and after his death by George Wilson. That said regiment was first rais'd with a view to the defence of the Country west of the mountains but shortly after this, deponent was enlisted, the regiment was ordered to march to the East and it accordingly march'd to Philadelphia. that shortly after the regiment march'd eastward Col. Wilson died. This deponent continued to serve under his enlistment in the Virginia line till toward the close of the year 1778 when this deponent returned home. This deponent has no knowledge of any of his comrades yet living except Gideon Long [pension application W3270 for services in the Pennsylvania line]. This deponent never received a farthing for his services in the revolution nor does he know that any of his officers or soldiers did. Col. Wilson & the other officers of the regiment were commissioned by the Governor of Virginia on the recommendation of the County Court as this dep't understood & believes. Sworn & subscribed Matthew Hennen

before me 15 July 1832. Jas Garrison

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To his Excellency the Executive and Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Petition of Jane Minor late Jane Wilson one of the daughters of Lieutenant Colonel George Wilson an officer of the revolution as petitioner represents. That the said George Wilson [illegible] shortly after the commencement of the American [several illegible lines] as your petitioner has been informed about the year 1777 while in the service. That he said Colonel Wilson left issue your petitioner Wm George, Sarah Darlinton[?], and Phebe Turny who are yet alive and none of whom have received the land promised to the officers & soldiers of the Virginia line. Your petitioners therefore pray, that warrant may be granted to the children of said Col. Wilson for such quantity of land as his grade may entitle them to and she as in duty bound will ever pray &c [signed] Jane Minor

NOTES:

George Wilson was a lieutenant colonel in the 8th Pennsylvania Continental Rifle Regiment first commanded by Col. Enos McCoy, according to James Guthrie W9468, Mathew Hennen S22828 and Abijah McClain W7408.

The widow of John Wilson unsuccessfully applied for a pension [R11675] for service by her husband in the Pennsylvania line.