Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Wilson R108 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Va. Sea Service Va. half pay Samuel Wilson Sailing Master Virginia Navy Act 5 July 1832 [the act covering the award of half pay to certain veterans of the Revolution]

Know all men by these presents, that I, Laban W. Pitts administrator of Samuel Wilson deceased who was a sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution, do hereby constitute and appoint James Murdaugh of the County of Norfolk, my true and lawful attorney,... to ask, demand and receive of and from the Commissioner of Pensions... the Half Pay and interest, or the commutation and interest, that may be due me as administrator as aforesaid under the Act of Congress of the United States of the 5th day of July 1832....



Virginia: At a Court held for Norfolk County, the 18th day of August 1851

On the motion of Laban W Pitts (who married Fanny Wilson the only heir at law of Samuel Wilson deceased) who made oath and together with Thomas V. Webb and John F Foreman his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the County of \$5000 with condition according to law, which bond is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted to said Laban W Pitts for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Samuel Wilson deceased (who was a sailing Master in the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution) in due form.....