Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wilson R21437 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Georgia Greene County: On this Thirtieth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court of said County and State John Wilson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-seven years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with __ and served in the 16th Regiment to the best of his recollection of the Continental line under the following Officers: that he first enlisted under Richard Worsham a recruiting officer, rendezvoused at Petersburg Virginia as he believes under General Scott; and was detached for the South under the command of Colonel Richard Parker, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Parker, Adjutant Thomas Parker, Major John Colwell, Captain Benjamin Talafeiro [Benjamin Taliaferro], Lieutenant Beverly Stubblefield, 2nd Lieutenant Samuel Sildon [Samuel Seldon] and that his term of enlistment was for the tour of eighteen months; and that Colonel Richard Parker was killed at the siege of Charleston South Carolina and the Applicant taken prisoner on the 12th day of May 1780 and some short time thereafter made his escape and returned back to Virginia; and afterwards received a discharge from Lieutenant Samuel Sildon which has long since been lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Vincent Sanford, Clerk

S/ John Wilson, X his mark

[fn p. 3: that is a letter dated August 11 1857 which makes reference to an application filed by the children of Elizabeth Wilson deceased the widow of John Wilson. The same letter makes reference to the marriage between John Wilson and Elizabeth as having taken place on September 2, 1780. There is however no such application contained in this file.]

[Facts in file: veteran died July 23, 1834 leaving a widow named Elizabeth and children but the names and ages of the children are not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]