

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Wilson Jolly (Jolley) R5688
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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina,

Your petitioner respectfully Showeth That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that he resided in Union District and that at the first draft that was held in the District he was drafted for two months in Colonel James Steen's Regiment in Captain John Thomson's Company during which time I was in active service but in no engagement, after which time another draft was soon held. I was again drafted for one month under the command of Captain Drury Harrington. From that time continued in the service until its end in the Whig Service and fought in the battles of Cedar Springs, Cowpens, Blackstock's and Dugan's near the Long lane [Song lane ?] and was at the Siege of Ninety Six, besides many skirmishes, during which time I encountered many hardships and perils. Your petitioner is now in the 71st year of his age, and has become very lame from the circumstances of his having one of his legs broke, so that he has become incompetent to make a comfortable support for himself and his wife, who is about 67 years of age and has become almost blind. Your petitioner is at present destitute of land or any other estate except a little household furniture. He has however been informed that you will not suffer such of the old war-worn soldiers that has been this reduced to become paupers. He therefore hopes that you will take his case into consideration and permit him to be placed upon the pension Roll.

S/ Wilson Jolly

South Carolina, Pendleton District, Personally came before me Wilson Jolley the above petitioner and made oath that the statements made in the petition is strictly true to the best of his recollection. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of November 1827.

S/ Wm Milwee, JP

S/ Wilson Jolly

State of South Carolina, Pendleton District

Personally came Aaron Guyton¹ before me and being duly sworn on his oath saith on his oath that the deponent knew the petitioner Wilson Jolley during the whole time of the Revolutionary war & that he the said deponent was with him in many Campaign[s] & in several engagements with him against the enemy of the Country & further the deponent saith not. Sworn & subscribed before me this 13th of November 1827.

S/ Aaron Guyton

S/ Wm Milwee, JP

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Wilson Jolley praying for a pension Respectfully reports that they have considered the same and recommend to the house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that he be placed on the pension list.

S/ J. McComb, Chairman

To the Honorable the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina.

Your petitioner respectfully showeth – That her husband Wilson Jolly a Citizen of Pendleton District who had been permitted by you to be placed on the pension Roll, departed this life on the 10th day of June last, leaving your petitioner entirely destitute of the means for a support in the extreme old age and almost entirely blind. She therefore humbly prayeth that you will allow her to draw the portion of his pension that was due him up to the time of his death and that you permit her to be placed upon the pension roll, and she is will ever bless you &c.

S/ Mary Jolly, X her mark

1 [Aaron Guyton W21237](#)

South Carolina, Anderson District

The petitioner Mary Jolly came before me & swore to the facts set forth in the above petition. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of November 1829. S/ Mary Jolly, X her mark
Test: S/ William May, J. Q.

[House and Senate granted the petitions of both Wilson and Mary Jolly]

[Information in the file:

Wilson Jolly or Jolley married Mary Montgomery of York District in 1776 or 1777; they had at least 3 children: John, Elizabeth, Edy, Margaret Isbell, James and Anness; John, Elizabeth and Anness were dead by 1856. Soldier died in Anderson District; widow died in Pickens District in February 1845, aged 85; in 1856, Edy Moore, a resident of Gwinett County, Ga., Margaret Isbell and James Jolley were still alive. The claim under the federal pension acts were rejected on the grounds that the veteran's services were not sufficiently proven.]

State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally appeared before me a magistrate in & for said District, Mrs. Susannah Littlejohn who being duly sworn according to law saith that her molar had a family record which is not now in her possession but in which the date of her birth was recorded, having taken place on the 30th of December 1767 and that she is now in her 89th year of of age: That she was born and brought up & has ever lived in the same neighborhood in which she now lives on Thicketty Creek which empties into Broad River a few miles below Smith's Ford on said River: That she was personally acquainted with most of the prominent Whig soldiers of this section in the Revolutionary War among whom was Captains John Thompson, James Steen, Robert Montgomery, Nathanael Jeffers, & with the following Whig soldiers of the same section mainly John Jeffries, Nicholas Corry, Davis Goude-lock, Wilson & Joseph Jolley who were brothers. That she knew the two Jolleys bore the undisputed reputation at that time of being a Whig soldiers & she has seen them then passing as such: That the said Joseph & Wilson Jolly then lived near Captain Robert Montgomery in the forks of Thicketty Creek & Broad River and that she also recollects that during the Revolutionary war said Wilson Jolly was a man of family but that she was not present at his wedding: That of the above facts she is positive as to her knowledge of them and also that about 60 years ago to Jollys aforesaid removed from the neighborhood since which time this deponent has never seen either of them: That Colonel Thomas Brandon also lived in this District. This deponent further swears that she is wholly disinterested in giving this testimony. And this deponent further swears that the said Joseph & Wilson Jolly were the only two persons of their names residing in this vicinity during said war who were capable of bearing arms in the same.

Sworn to and subscribed this sixth day of June 1856 before me.

S/ Susannah Littlejohn, X her mark

S/ Wm Jeffers, Magistrate