

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Wilkinson (Wilkerson) S17795

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State of Kentucky Sct.

Before me the subscriber one of the judges of the General Court and presiding Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the eleventh Judicial District this day personally appeared Joseph Wilkinson aged sixty-one years and being first duly sworn, did depose and say that he was enlisted as a soldier in the Continental [document compromised and text missing] two years at [document compromised and text missing] field County [probably Chesterfield County] Virginia, by said William [document compromised and text missing] and was attached to the company of Ralph Faulkner in the month of January in the year 1776 and was attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by the then Colonel Charles Scott afterwards Brigadier General in the United States Army. That he served till about the month of December 1777 when at the White Marsh above Germantown he reenlisted for three years and continued to serve until he was taken prisoner at the surrender of Charleston South Carolina, and remained a prisoner about fourteen months and eleven days when he was discharged at Williamsburg Virginia after being brought into Virginia by a Cartel. That he cannot remember the name of the officer which was signed to his discharge. That he has lost his discharges & cannot produce them. That with a small piece of land which he possesses of inferior quality he made out to live tolerably well till about three years ago when by the accident of a fall from a horse he was wholly disabled from labor. That he has a wife equally old and infirm as himself & for Jordan with him, one of which is a cripple. That he is now evidently in such indigent circumstances as to require the aid of his Country lately provided by law, never having received a pension from any one of the different States or United States – & that he is now [paper compromised and text missing].

I Benjamin Mills Judge as aforesaid do certify that the foregoing examination was taken and sworn to before me this day and that it was apparent to my satisfaction that the applicant Joseph Wilkinson was an enlisted soldier in the Continental Army during the revolutionary war, and that he served as such as in said examination is stated and further that the said Applicant is in such indigent circumstances to require the aid of his Country. Given under my hand this 7th day of June, 1818.

S/ B. Mills

State of Indiana Jennings County: SS: Personally appeared Joseph Wilkinson now a Citizen of said County, before the undersigned a justice of the peace within and for said County and tomatoes that he heretofore was placed on the pension List Roll of the United States on the Kentucky agency, at the rate of \$8 per month – that he then lived in the County of Clark & State of Kentucky – that his Certificate bears date 27th day of January 1819 was, is, signed by John C Calhoun – and is herewith forwarded, That he was dropped on account of property, The Evidence of his Services are now in the department of War – he was a private, served in the 5th Virginia Regiment under Colonel Joseph Parker. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State except on the agency of the United States for the State of Kentucky all of which will

more fully appear by examination of the Certificate herewith enclosed.
Sworn and subscribed the 4th day of September 1832.

S/ Joseph Wilkinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Wilkinson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent initial "J".

[Note: the file does not contain the Schedule of the property that the veteran was required to file under the act of Congress dated May 1, 1820 in which he must have listed more than \$350 worth of property. Three Hundred Fifty Dollars in value of real and/or personal property was the threshold for qualifying as being "indigent" as required to qualify for a pension under the 1818 act.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]