

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Wiles ¹ S42076

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions open to and held this day for the County of Wilkes personally came Abraham Wiles of the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress for the relief of the officers, soldiers and seamen engaged in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war, that he the said Abraham Wiles is in his fifty seventh year of age; that he enlisted in the regular Army the year before the Capture of Corn Wallis [Lord Cornwallis] as well as he recollects about 1780; that he was attached to Captain McCannons company in the Regiment denominated the Delaware Blues; that he continued in service till the close of the war which was about two years; That he was at the capture of Corn Wallis [October 19, 1781] in the State of Virginia, and in a skirmish on a Goose Creek in the State of South Carolina where he was wounded: That when he marched from South Carolina to the State of Delaware he had the misfortune to have his legs broken by a wagon running over them; that being unable to proceed with as much speed as the rest of his Regiment, he was left behind and has never been back to the State of Delaware; that the Regiment having returned were discharged; That the foregoing is the reason he has never obtained a regular discharge:

That he is now in indigent circumstances and Stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and therefore makes this application.

S/ Abraham Wiles, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the 4th day of__ 1819

North Carolina Roan [Rowan] County

July the 29th Day 1819

This day came Rachel Wells before me R. Horn one of the acting Justices of the peace and deposes and saith on oath that the said Abraham wiles listed in the regular Service in what was called the Dellaway blues of the revolutionary war.

S/ R. Horn

S/ Rachel Wells, X her mark

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Office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware Dover – 16 March 1820

There are not in this office any pay or muster rolls of any company belonging to the Delaware

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Regiment in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment during the revolutionary war later than the year 1780; nor are there any pay or muster rolls in this office or elsewhere to my knowledge of any company belonging to said Regiment, commanded by Captain McCannon. And this office furnishes no evidence that the petitioner Abraham wiles ever belonged or served in the said Regiment other than the paper writing of which a true copy is here with transmitted to the War Department, and which paper writing is dated "March 1st 1782" and signed "W. McKennan Captain, D. R.": – From which it would appear that a person by the name of "Abrm Wiles" was reenlisted in the said Regiment in the year 1781 and belonged there to on the first March 1782; but at what time of the year 1781 he was enlisted or how long he served therein does not appear. Upon which occasion or for what purpose the paper writing was made I do not know: it is unconnected with any other which tends to explain it otherwise than as it contains the name of a great many persons known to have been soldiers in the aforesaid Regiment and whose names are in the pay rolls thereof.

Certified for the United States War Department
S/ H. M. Ridgely

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County

On this the 3rd day of August 1820 Personally appeared in the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions which by the laws of State is a court of record open to and held for the County of Wilkes, Abraham wiles aged about fifty-eight years resident in Wilkes County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, that according to a former declaration which he thinks from the certificate now in his possession was made on the 4th day of August 1819, that he enlisted the year before Cornwallis was taken in the Army of the United States on the Continental establishment in the company commanded by Captain William McCannor [sic] of the Regiment of Delaware Blues, as has fully appeared on reference to the rolls of the Army by the Pension Certificate already granted to him on the 4th of March 1820 and Numbered 16595; that he was at the capture of Cornwallis at the town of little York in Virginia: that he was wounded in a skirmish on Goose Creek in South Carolina, that after the war was ended and he owned the return home the Wagon he was driving ran over his feet and disabled him so that he could March no further: that thereupon the Captain permitted him to remain without any written discharge which said circumstances are the cause of his not going back to Delaware. – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed as follows, to wit: that he has one hundred fifty acres of poor land for which about six years ago he gave only twenty dollars, and that sum paid in cattle; that his land has since been valued at seventy-five dollars, which is equal to fifty cents the acre, that he has one small Horse creature and a colt not worth more in the estimation of some of the neighbors than thirty dollars for both; that he has two cows and two calves and two yearlings worth altogether twenty-five or thirty dollars, that in the spring he had fifteen hogs of various

sizes, but for two or three months past he has seen only three of them, that he has a few sheep, eight grown ones & three lambs, that he has only one good pot, a few old chairs, a water pail and a milk piggin, five pewter plates, five delf plates and an old pewter dish and one table, together with a few other articles of inconsiderable value, that the whole of his property is not worth in his own estimation more than one hundred seventy dollars that his Occupation is that of a farmer that he is unable to do any hard or laborious work being Obligated to work a good deal from home as a breaker or dresser of flax in order to be relieved from other more severe labor at home that he has six children three Girls & three Boys to wit, Betsey, Suckey, William, Rachel, Evan and Thomas the two first of whom are of age but yet resided home, the second Girl is sickly unable to work by hiring out abroad from home, William is fifteen years old he has been sickly but is beginning to work a little, Rachel is thirteen years old, Evan is eleven and Thomas nine.

S/ Abraham wiles, X his mark

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State of North Carolina County of Wilkes

Abraham Wiles aged Seventy Three years do upon oath testify and declare that I entered the service of the United States in the Winter in the year 1780 for the term of during the War, – and that I served in the Company commanded by Captain McCannon in the Regiment called the Delaware Blues of the Delaware line and served until peace was made and on his return home got crippled by the wagon running over his feet and was left and did not receive a discharge.

I further declare, that I have never received a Warrant for the bounty Land promised to me, on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of April 1837

S/ James Martin, JP

S/ Abraham Wiles, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 4th, 1819, for service as a private in the Delaware Continental line.]