

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moore Willson S44078

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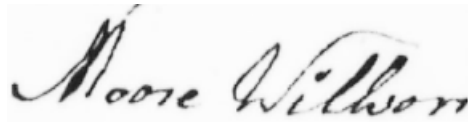
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State of New York Steuben County: SS Moore Willson of the town of Wayne in the said County of Steuben & State of New York came before me John Dow one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for the said County of Steuben who being duly sworn deposes declares and says, that he enlisted into the service in the month of June or July in the year 1775 – that he belonged to Captain Richard Parker's Company in the 2nd Virginia Regiment of which Regiment \_\_\_ Woodford was Colonel, Charles Scott, Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia line. That he served about one year as private Soldier on the Continental establishment in the war of the revolution – that he was honorably discharged by the said Captain Richard Parker in July in the year 1776 – that the discharge is not in existence at this time – And that he again enlisted in the spring of the year 1777 for the term of three years and served in what was called General Washington's life guard, in Captain Robert Smith's Company of troop, of horse that he belonged to the Regiment of which George Balor [George Baylor] was Colonel Otterbod Burd<sup>1</sup> [? Otway Bird?] Lieutenant Colonel and Alexander Clough was Major – that before his time of service expired Colonel William Washington commanded the said Regiment, that he served three years in the said Company and Regiment of horse or troop in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment in the war of the revolution against the common enemy and was honorably discharged by the said Captain Robert Smith at the expiration of said term of three years service – and that from his reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Moore Willson



Sworn and subscribed the 17th day of April in the year while Lord 1818 before me  
S/ John Dow

State of New York County of Steuben: SS

On this 17th day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said County of Steuben Moore Willson aged 71 years and rising resident in the Town of Wayne of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration that he the said Moore Willson sometime in the month of April in the year of our Lord 1777 according to the best of his recollection enlisted as a private in Captain Robert Smith's Company belonging to Colonel George Bailor's [George Baylor's] Regiment of

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<sup>1</sup> Otterbod Burd

Light Dragoons in the Virginia line, that he continued in service in said Regiment and Company under said enlistment for the term of three years being the term for which he enlisted as aforesaid when he was regularly and honorably discharged at Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia by a writing under the hand of said Colonel Bailor which said discharge he has long since lost and cannot produce. That his aforesaid Enlistment took place in the Parish of Matticks [?] in Westmoreland County in the State of Virginia. That he made a declaration on the 27th day of April 1818 before William Heben Esquire then one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas in & for the County of Steuben – which said declaration was under oath and in pursuance 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 – that said declaration was sent to the war Department as this deponent understood and requested to be done, that he never has been able to get any information respecting said declaration so sent as aforesaid. That he the said Moore Willson was in the service of the United States one year previous to his enlistment as above stated which said last mentioned service commenced sometime in the month of April 1776 – at the Town and in the County of Richmond in the State of Virginia in Captain Richard Parker's Company in Colonel Woodford's Regiment of Infantry being the 2nd Virginia Regiment that said last mentioned service ended at the time the service first above mentioned commenced. That he was discharged from said first year's service by Lieutenant Colonel Parker of said 2nd Regiment at Williamsburg in Virginia. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth, Brandywine, & at the siege of Norfolk – that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

And, in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Schedule

no Real Estate whatever

Personal Estate

One cow, two shoats, 4 sheep & 3 lambs, two beds one of which is a feather bed weighing about 8 or 10 pounds & the other a chaff bed, one bedstead, a Black Walnut chest, cost when new \$4 & been in use 20 years – one old cherry table worth about \$2 – 2 old hoes, one ax, one old grass seythe, Snath [?] & tacking— 4 or 5 old knives & forks – about 6 pewter table spoons – 4 or 5 pewter teaspoons, 3 earthen cups and saucers, for common kitchen chairs, clothing hardly sufficient to make me & my family comfortable.

My family consist of three persons including myself, my wife Christiana aged fifty-eight years last May – is in tolerable health for a person of her advanced years, my daughter Sarah aged 12 years & some months in good health – my trade is that of a house called under and joined her but I am not able to pursue it or anything else of any consequence, owing to my advanced age and infirmities.

Sworn to and declared in open Court on this 17th day of October A.D. 1821 before me

S/ John Metcalf, Clerk

S/ Moore Willson<sup>2</sup>

I certify that More Wilson did duty as a private Soldier in Colo. Bailor's Regt of horse in the Winter 1779 in Frederick Town in Maryland then commanded by Colo. William Washington and that the said Wilson was much esteemed by his officers as a faithful soldier & an honest man. I have no doubt but that the said Wilson continued in the said Regt to the termination of his Enlistment

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County of Steuben the affidavit of Peter Putnam a credible witness of said County he deposeth and saith that he well knew the person herein named viz. Moor Wilson now of Wayne in said County aged about seventy-two years that I well knew him in the American Revolutionary War against Great Britain and that he served under Captain Robert Smith and that he the said Wilson was in the battle of Monmouth and received a wound with a sword in his right arm the scar now to be seen and at that time was in the Regiment of Colonel George Baylor of the lite [light] Dragoons in further I a sent [sic ?] that I well knew him to have served more than one year in said war and in the Continental establishment.

S/ Peter Putnam

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 3rd day of August in the year 1822.

S/ William Ovenshire, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 17th, 1818 for 3 months

<sup>2</sup> The signature appears to be in the same handwriting as the rest of the document and therefore I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran.

<sup>3</sup> FPA S12094

service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]