

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wilson [Willson] S41356

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Virginia, Augusta County, to Wit,

Henry Wilson, of the County aforesaid, personally appeared before me, John Brown, Judge of the Chancery District Court holden in that Staunton in the County & State aforesaid, & being duly sworn, saith, That in the year 1778, he enlisted, as a private soldier, for two years, in Cap. Wallace's Company, 2nd Virginia Regiment, or Continental establishment; That at the expiration of his time, he reenlisted in Cap. Steele's [John Steele's] Company in the same Regiment, for three years or during the war & continued in the service until peace was restored, when he was discharged at the "Point of Fork" in Virginia; That from the time of his first enlistment, until his final discharge, he performed his duty faithfully; -- was at Gates's [August 15-16, 1780]¹ & Buford's [May 29, 1780]² defeats, -- in the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781],³ Guilford [March 15, 1781],⁴ Camden [Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781]⁵ & Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],⁶ & at the Siege of Ninety Six [May-June 1781],⁷ -- at which latter place he received a wound, the effects of which he yet seriously feels. This affiant, at the time of leaving the service, received a regular discharge, which he retained until it was worn out; -- He has never been allowed a pension by the laws of the United States; -- is extremely poor, having for many years subsisted on public charity, -- & is much in need of the aid of his Country for Support.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the seal of the office of the said Court to be affixed the 27th day of April 1818.

S/ John Brown

State of Virginia, Augusta County, to wit,

On this 19th day of July 1820, in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Augusta (in which proceedings are had according to the course of the common law, has unlimited jurisdiction within said County, has the power of fine and imprisonment and has all its proceedings duly registered), personally appeared Henry Willson [sic] aged about 92 years, a resident of the said County of Augusta, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, He was enlisted by Captain McIlheney [sic perhaps Capt. James McIlhaney] in the County of Rockbridge in the year 1778 he was then marched to a place near Hillsboro in North Carolina and attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment of Continental Establishment under the command of Colonel Bluford [sic, Abraham Buford]; in the Brigade of General Gates

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

[Horatio Gates]. He was afterwards marched to seven mile Creek in South Carolina and was at the defeat of General Gates at said Creek and was ordered back to Hillsboro, he was then marched to Hanging Rock; under Colonel Buford, when he (Buford) was defeated, he afterwards again enlisted for 18 months, that he has heretofore made his declaration under the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and placed on the pension list under that act, that he does not recollect the date of his declaration, the certificate however bearing date on the 27th day of April 1818, and is not numbered unless those figures then written on the second page of this sheet represents its number 5233 and the said Henry Wilson in open Court as aforesaid doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income or other property than necessary clothing and therefore can give no schedule. He further swears, that his occupation is that of a rope maker and flax dresser, that he is so old and infirm, as to be incapable of doing any kind of work whatever and altogether unable to earn a support for himself, and can be only supported by public or private charity, he has no family living neither wife nor children.

S/ Henry Willson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 27, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 5 years.]

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Addendum to Henry Wilson [Willson] S41356

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 5 June 2023.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that Henry Wilson enlisted with me in November 1782 for three years unless sooner discharged and continued in Service until the end of the war. Given under my hand at Richmond this fifth day of August, 1793.

John Steele
late Lieut in the
Virginia line

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Steele" in a cursive script.