

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Wilson W6533

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State of Virginia to wit:

On this 4th day of August 1838, personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace, Anna B. Wilson a resident in the county of Mason, aged eighty years, who being duly sworn, according to Law, doth on her Oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows;" that she is the Widow of John Wilson who was a Lieutenant of the Virginia line in service from 1st of April 1778 to Nov. 1779. that he was a volunteer; resided when he first entered the service in the county of Loudon [sic: Loudoun], was with the Army in Georgia, where he was taken sick and returned home he afterwards regaining his health, volunteered again, joined the Army and served during the whole siege of York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], was present at the final surrender of the British.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Wilson on the 21st day of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five; that her husband, the aforesaid John Wilson, died on the 31st day of August 1823; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, Viz. at the time above stated. [signed] Anna B Wilson

NOTE: Anna Wilson submitted with her application part of her family record showing the births of her children, which is still in the file. She also referred to a copy of her deceased husband's will, which is not in the file. In Feb 1857 John M. Wilson assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefit due to him and other heirs of John Wilson.