(8—1776)

SERVICE

N.C.

Wilson, John

NUMBER

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7.877

Alabama

John Wilson.

of Bibb Co. in the State of Alabama
who was a Private in the Compy. commanded
by Captain Martin of the Regt. commanded
by Col. Hale. in the Militia
line for thirteen months. R.W.

$ 43.33/100

Inscribed on the Roll of Alabama
at the rate of 43. Dollars 33 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15.12 day of April,
1833 and Sent to
Thos. Crawford. Centreville. Bibb Co. Ala.

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833. - 86.66
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Sept. 1833 - 21.66

$ 108.32

{Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.}

Recorded by Com. R. Palmer. Clerk,
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Act 1759 0 No. 7877.

Jno Wilson

Bibb Co

Alabama

Adm for 1 year 1 Month

from 1780.

~~Robt 16.~~

43.33

Jno Crawford

Centreville

Bibb Co

Alabama

~~William Cadwell~~

~~Clark~~

~~Alabama~~

BRIEF in the case of John Wilson
County of Bibb in the State of Alabama
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? court

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he? 72

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
Augt — In 1780 ool		3		Private	Major Davy Capt Morton
April 1781 ool		10			Gen Sumpter Col Hill
					Capt'n Giles
					Colo Washington & Coldee

5. In what battles was he engaged? Boone Mills just after the engagement
& at Eutaw Springs

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Mecklinburg Co Virginia Wilson

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Traditionary evidence

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? correct

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

John Webster

Examining Clerk.

The State of Alabama }
Bibb County }

On this the twenty fifth day of August 1832
personally appeared in open Court before
Thomas Crosland Judge of the County Court
for Bibb County and State aforesaid
now sitting John Wilson a resident of
Bibb County aforesaid aged 72 years A
who being duly sworn according to
law doth on his oath make the following
declaration in order to obtain the benefit
of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832

That he entered the service of the United
States as herein stated

That he entered the service the month
of August 1780 under Major [illegible] Dooly
of the Waxaw settlement his captain was
[illegible] Martin and served three months

That he entered the service the month
1780 and served ten months under
Gen. [illegible] Col. Thos. Gilles

That when he entered the service both
times he resided in Mecklenburg County
[illegible] State of North Carolina

That when he was in the service he
several Counties in North Carolina and
A
State of South Carolina as [illegible]

That he was in the Battle at Gates Defeat
at the Waxaw Rock and heard cannon
fire at the battle ground at Hanes Stables
just after the battle ceased was near and saw
by Capt. Nathaniel Martin and he was at the Battle of
Eutaw Springs D

That he was a volunteer at both times
[illegible]

That he was with Gen. Greene and his
troops and was near him when Col. Washington
and Lt. Col. Lee & Col. Washington
was taken prisoner at the Battle of Eutaw
Springs & assisted in the effort to cut off a portion of the
British [illegible] retreating [illegible] and
passed through
and came round to our troops again
That he has in his possession
evidence and that of a number
whose testimony he can produce to
testify to his services
I John Wilson hereby relinquish
every claim whatever to a pension
or annuity except the present and
declare that my name is not on the
pension roll of the agency of any
state or territory

John Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
the day and date above

Attest Williams Caddell — Clerk

The State of Alabama a clergyman residing
in the County of Marengo and State
aforesaid and Bibb
and the County of Marengo
hereby certify that we are well acquainted
with John Wilson who has subscribed
and sworn to the above declaration
That he is reputed and believed in his
neighborhood where he resides to have
been a soldier of the Revolution that
we have never heard the fact disputed
and that we concur with the application

John M. Glenn
Matthew Cox

Sworn to in open Court and subscribed the
day and date above Williams Caddell — Clerk

ter which the following questions
were propounded to her as are given in
by the Court, to wit: The questions contained
in this printed form from the secretary
of war in order that the answers of Esther Hilson
on this matter to said questions in order
" 1st Answer I was born in Mecklenburg
county in the State of North Carolina
" 2 " I have a record of my age but as
small as Book which I now have in Court
" 3 " I was living in Mecklenburg County
in the State of North Carolina when the
war I moved from there to the State of
Georgia and then moved back to
Mecklenburg county North Carolina a
gain I then move to the county
where I now live in the State of Alabama
" 4 " I volunteered both times as above
stated
" 5 " Gen " Green " Gen Sumpter " Col
Washington and Col " Lee " I recolect
the continental and militia troops
that I was with as above stated
" 6 " I received a discharge for ten months
service from Gen Sumpter which I
have either lost or mislaid so I cannot
find it I have made diligent search
for it amongst my papers & cannot
find it I never received a discharge
for the three months service stated
above
" 7 " Your Honor Williams Caldell the Clerk of this
Court Noah B. Baker, Joseph Smitherman

[illegible] subscribed in open Court
this day and date above
Williams Caddoo Clerk

The above named [illegible] are about to subscribe
declare that [illegible] are well acquainted with
John Wilson who has subscribed the above
declaration? That from [illegible] his general
character which he bears in his neighborhood his affidavit is entitled to full credit
and that we believe he was a soldier
of the revolution and that he has borne
that character in his neighborhood
[illegible] never heard the fact
disputed

N B Caddo
Joseph Smithson

Williams Caddoo

I Thomas [illegible] Judge of the County Court for said
County do hereby certify my opinion after the investigation
of the matter and after putting the interrogatories
prescribed by the War Department that the above named John Wilson
was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and further
certify that I [illegible] and that John [illegible] Glascock who has signed
the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County of
Bibb aforesaid and Matthew Cox who signed the same is a credetable
person and that their statement is entitled to credit

Thos. Crawford Judge
Bibb County Court

I Williams Caddell Clerk of the County Court for said County
and said State hereby certify that the foregoing contains
the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of
the application of John Wilson for a pension & I hereunder
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and private seal there
being no seal for this office at this the 25 day of August 1852

Wm Williams Caddoo Clerk

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INVALID.

File No. 17,205

John Wilson

Pvt Rev War

Act: June 7th 32

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

STATE OF ALABAMA.

JOHN GAYLE, GOVERNOR OF SAID STATE,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME.

Know Ye, That Thomas Crawford whose signature appears to the foregoing and annexed declaration was at the time of signing the same Judge of the County Court of Bibb County duly commissioned & authorised + that said Court is a court of record; and also that - William Caldwell whose signature also appears, was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the County Court of Bibb County duly commissioned & authorised

THEREFORE, all due faith, credit, and authority are, and ought to be had and given. to all their official acts as such *In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in Tuscaloosa, this the 30 day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty-Seventh*

BY THE GOVERNOR. John Gayle

James J Thorington SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of Jno Wilson — **which require further proof or explanation.**

I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? yes

II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? yes

III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?

IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? yes

V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amout of pension he is entitled? yes

VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? yes

VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? yes

VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? yes

IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? yes

X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? yes

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? citizens only

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? no

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? yes

XIV. †If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service?

If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses?

Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct?

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?

XVI. ‡Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? yes

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? answered

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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

*QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For ——— year ——— months, and ———days, I served as a ——— For ——— months and ——— days, I served as a ———; and for such service I claim a pension.

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

†QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

‡QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

☞In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

4 Declarations taken out

No. 1758-83 V

The Hon.ble Lewis. Bass, Esq.re of the Washington Bar

Per

The Hon.ble Thomas Crawford

Answers to the within all to
be directed to Centreville
Bibb Co. Alabama

Thos. Crawford