

Pension Application for James Wilson

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State of New York

Washington County SS

On this twenty second of May A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me John Moss one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of the County of Washington & State of New York—James Willson a resident of the Town of Whitehall in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy three years who being first 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that in the months of July 1776 as he believes, then came to Skeensborough, (now called Whitehall) in the County & State aforesaid where the declarant then resided [in] a company of Riflemen from Pennsylvania when he entered said Company as a Substitute for a soldier in that company, whose name he cannot remember, to serve out the residue of his term being six months & that he did served in said Company at Skeensborough aforesaid & in that vicinity for six months, he cannot remember the names of the Captain or any other officer belonging to that company but does remember that one of the Soldier's name was Wendell.

And he further saith that in the month of May in the following year viz 1777, as he believes, he enlisted at Skeensborough aforesaid as a private Soldier under Capt. Levi Stockwell for the Term of Six months & served in that Company at Skeensborough & in that vicinity for the full Term of six months, at the expiration of which time he engaged with & entered into the service under Asa Holmes in the Company Department and served under him as an assistant at Skeensborough aforesaid for the term of six months at Skeensborough at the expiration of which time and in May 1778 as he believes he again enlisted under the said Captain Levi Stockwell as a private for the Term of one year and served in the said Stockwells company under this last enlistment for the full term of one year making one year and six months that he served under Captain Stockwell under his two enlistments besides six months in said Rifle Company & Six Months under Asa Holmes in the Company department.

That during this service in Capt Stockwell's Company he was stationed principally at Skeensborough now called Whitehall but some part of the time he was stationed at Ticonderoga & at other times at Fort George at the head of Lake George he was in not battle during the time he served in said company, was employed with said company in building picket forts and in guarding the frontiers against British and Indians by traversing the wilderness in the vicinity of those places in what was called scouting parties, John D. Hunsden of Salem was Lieutenant and one Willson of the same place was ensign of said company belonged under Captain Stockwell. This company belonged or was attached to Col Wyncop's Regiment being a Regiment under the continental establishment raised in the State of New York as he understood—but whether Captain Stockwell belonged to the Continental Establishment or State troops

he is not able to say. Col Wyncop was taken sick and died as he understood during his service in said Stockwell's Company, he does not remember who succeeded him.

In the month of December 1779 as near as he can recollect he again enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Allen who belonged to a Connecticut regiment but he does not remember the Colonels name or the number of the Regiment, one Brown was Lieutenant or Ensign in said company he enlisted at this time as a private for six months to serve out the term of a soldier in said company whose name he does not remember that he served in that company under Captain Allen six months at Skeensborough & Fort George & in the vicinity of those places.

The further states that in addition to the Service above set forth he was during the whole of the revolutionary war frequently called out on alarms and various service residing as he did at Skeenesborough which was then a frontier and spent many months in service at short periods and under different officers the time he served on such occasions he believes was not less than six months tub the can not now State the particular times of service or the names of officers under whom he served with any precision & therefor will not attempt it.

He further states that he was born in the year seventeen hundred and fifty nine in the State of Pennsylvania the Town he does not remember. He has no record of his age—he lived at Skenesborough no called Whitehall in the County of Washington & State of New York where he went into the service at the Several times above mentioned and has resided at that place ever since ever since [sic] the war & still resides there.

In his service under Captain Stockwell he enlisted voluntarily & did not serve as a Substitute, in his six months service previous & six months subsequent service he did service as a Substitute as above stated but cannot remember the names of the persons in whose place he served. He is not able to state the names of other officers whom he knew in his said service except those above named. He did receive a written discharge from his service under Captain Stockwell and kept it for many years but it is now lost or destroyed, he received no other written discharge and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Moses King & Robert Wilson hereto annexed.

That he is known to Obadiah Dinsmore & Reuben Jones, Esquire, Linan Bartholomew and others in his present neighbourhood who can as he believes testify to his character for veracity & of their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state & he further saith that his health is so bad that he cannot attend a Court of Record without endangering the same. (Signedn James Wilson

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. John Moss one of the Judges of Washington Co. Pleas.