

## **Pension Application for James W. Wilkin**

S.23074

State of New York

County of Orange SS

On this Tenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas (being a Court of record) in an for the County of Orange now sitting— James W. Wilkin a resident of the town of Goshen County of Orange and State of New York aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 the Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832..

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

The he entered in the service of the United States in the Service of the United States in the year 1776 in the month of July as a private and upon the first day of the month under Captain John Nichol in the six months service, that his regiment was commanded by Colonel Levi Paulding. That he enlisted in the Town of Walkil [Wallkill? Then Ulster, now Orange County and that he first marched to Fort Clinton near Fort Montgomery on the North river, thinks Gen. James Clinton (as near has he can now recollect) commanded at that Place—Colonel Paulding was there Lieutenant Wood and Lieutenant John Wilkin was there—Capt Abraham Nealy he thinks was there, remained at Fort Clinton a few days then passed down the river near Peekskill in the County of West Chester and State of New York and on the Hudson River—

That there were two companies there beside the Company to which Deponent belonged thinks one of them was commanded by Captain Underdonk, John D. Coe was an officers in one of the companies—The Three officer in one of the Companies—The Three companies were commanded by Major Thomson—a small Fort was builded [built] here called Fort Independence and Thomas Matchin was the engineer remained there until the fall of year—when we were ordered to March to Capt Nicholas Point near New Windsor in the County of Orange, aforesaid—that he does that not now recollect [Freely?] who had the command there.

Gen George Clinton was there and deponent supposes he had the command. The troops there were employed in preparing a Chevous De Frize [chevaux de frise ] which was subsequent [subsequently] used near New Windsor remained there and in that neighborborn [neighborhood] until the end of the Six Months for which this deponent had enlisted he was there discharged and return[ed] home having regularly served out his enlistment as a private as aforesaid.

1. That he was born in the Town of Walkil then Ulster now Orange County and in the State of New York in the year 1763.
2. That he has a memorandum taken from the record in his father's bible and which he now has in his possession at his dwelling house in the village of Goshen.

3. That he lived at Walkill aforesaid when called into service and that since the war he has lived a short time in Walkill the remainder of the time he has lived at Goshen where he now resides.
4. That he enlisted.
5. That he does not now recollect the names of any other officers than those stated.
6. Never received a written discharge.
7. That he can refer to Asa Dunning, Stephen Jackson and David M. Westcoll, all residing in his neighbourhood and inhabitants of Goshen aforesaid as to his character for veracity and their belief of his having served as a soldier of the revolution.

That he cannot obtain the certificate of a Clergyman as required by the rules and regulation of the war department—For he says that the Clergyman to whom he is most familiarly known is not absent from this place—that our now resident here is almost a stranger and has been but a short time here. And he has made his service so little a matter of Public Conversation that although he can obtain many persons to certify as to their belief of his having served in the war of the revolution yet he knows of no persons who are willing to testify that it is a matter of Public Report and that he knows of no persons whose affidavits of his actual service he can obtain except John Bell of the Town of Walkil [Wallkill or Walkill] aforesaid now a Pensioner and James Edmondson a resident of the Town of Cornwell or New Windsor in the County of Orange aforesaid. (Signed) Jas W. Wilkin

Subscribed & Sworn in open Court the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832. Asa Demming Clerk.

Letter in folder dated December 21, 1933.

Reference is made to your letter relative to James W. Wilkin, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.23074, based upon his military service in that war.

James W. Wilkin was born in 1763, day and month not given, in Wallkill, Ulster, later Orange, County, New York; the names of his parents are not designated.

While a resident of Wallkill, New York, he enlisted July 1, 1776, and served six months as private in Captain John Nichols' Company, Colonel Levi Pauling's New York Regiment.

A short time after the Revolution he moved from Wallkill to Goshen, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 10, 1832 while a resident of Goshen, Orange County, New York.

It is not shown whether soldier was ever married.

Date of death not on A.B.