

Pension Application for Andrew Wilson or Willson

R.11679 (Widow: Nelly) Married January 1794. He died November 9, 1822.

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this first day of November 1845, personally appeared before me Edward Suffern first Judge Rockland County Nelly Wilson a resident of the town of Ramapo in said County aged eighty three years, who being first 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 acts of Congress passed July 7, 1838, and March 3d 1843, entitled: Acts granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.”

That she is the widow of Andrew Wilson who was a private and served during the Revolutionary War as follows.

That her husband the said Andrew Wilson on or about the first of July in the year 1776, then residing within the beat, and belonging in a company whereof Garret Acker was Capt in Coln A. Hawkes Hays Regiment, was called out to guard the shoars [shores] and landing places along the west shoar of the Hudson river, and to help in subjection the enemy at home, the British having sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in the bays, and continued to serve in said company in tours from one day to two and three weeks at a time until the last of March in the year 1778, to state truly and precisely the time her said husband served during that period she us unable to do as there was no record kept of the time served and the tours unregular [sic] as to time and duration, but is confident that it is not less than six months as her husband informed her he was out on duty full half of his time.

That on the last of March or first of April in the year 1778, her husband enlisted for nine months in a company commanded by Capt John bell in Coln Graham’s Regiment and was at Nyack at the White Plains at the new Bridge near Hackensack, at Paramus and was discharged at Tappan on the first of January 1779. As he informed her. That from the time of the expiration of the last services to the close of the said war her said husband continued to serve under the Capt Ackerson or other officers but she is now unable to state the number or length of the tour, and the accompanying is all the proof she can procure to substantiate her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew Wilson by the Rev’d David Burns, on the fourteenth day of April seventeen hundred and eighty four, she well recollects it was the next April after the British left New York, but there is no church record thereof to be found and she has no family record thereof, nor any person living that was present when she was married. That her husband the said Andrew Wilson died on the ninth day of November eighteen hundred and twenty two.

That she was not married to him previous 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 sated. (Signed with her mark) Nelly Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before me.
Edward Suffern first Judge Rockland County