

Pension Application for David Wilson

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City & State of New York SS

I Ebenezer Stevens of the said City, do certify that I have particularly examined and old man who calls himself David Willson, and who states that he has come about Three Hundred Miles, to obtain additional evidence of his being entitled to receive a pension for for [sic] Revolutionary services in a company in Coll Lambs Regt.

The distance of time which has elapsed since the Revolution, does not of course allow me to remember this individual, nor have I any Rolls of the Regt to discover if his name be on the same.

Havint been the Lieut Coll of Lamb's Regt and personally having had the command of it for about five years. I have had a good opportunity of being personally acquainted with all the transactions in which the Comp'y to which Wilson, is stated to have belonged was engaged & I have no hesitation in saying, from his answers to questions I have put to him, and other evidences, that he was in Lamb's Regiment at Plackamin New Jersey in the Winter of '78 & '79 & in the winter of '79 & '80 at Morristown N. Jersey, and in the winter of '81 & '82 in Burlington same state, and that in the winter of '82 & '83 he was at Newburgh with the Army.

The said Willson I feel confident was in the Battles immediately preceding the Capture of Lord Cornwallis—and also with the Regiment at the execution of Major Andre.

The said Willson has shown me a furlough signed by John Lamb Coll the hand of Coll Lamb was very familiar to me and I have no doubt it is genuine.

I therefore have concluded that Willson must have belonged to Coll Lamb's Regiment, and also that he was honourably discharged as there was No desertion as later as the date of the furlough.

I feel assured that if an correct roll of Capt Lambert Lockwoods Company & afterward, commanded by Capt. William Stevens of Lambs Regiment can be found, that the name of David Willson will be found on it.

And I am the more confident in this opinion from having conversed with a person [?] in the City of New York, who belonged to the said Regiment, who informed me that he remembered the name of Willson in the said Company.

Willson according to his account, immediately after his discharge, went into the Western part of Pennsylvania, and never has received his Land, and of course, he is not on the Register of persons having received land. He now appears to be upright & needy old man. New York 2 Nov 1819 John Stevens.