

Pension Application for Israel Wilson

S.40718

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

Original Claim

On this fourteenth day of October 1824 personally appeared in open court, being the court of Common Pleas in and for said County, and being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law having the power of fine and imprisonment, Israel Wilson aged sixty eight years resident in the town of Canajoharrie [Canajoharie] & County of Montgomery & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Israel Wilson enlisted for the term of ten months as a private soldier on the first of March 1776 in the town of Cherry Valley now the County of Otsego & State of New York in the company commanded by Capt Robert McKean in which this deponents father was first Lieutenant & Albert VanderWarker was second Lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Col. Wynkoop in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until the first of January 1777 when he was discharged from the said service in the town of Johnstown & County of Montgomery & State aforesaid, together with the rest of said company by a general pass or indefinite parol, [parole] without any written individual discharge. Wen to Fort Stanwix & spent the summer there in rebuilding said fort, was ordered to Johnstown in Montgomery County to defend the country from Indians & Tories; had occasional skirmishes but was in no general battle during the term aforesaid & he has no other evidence now in his power except what is herewith transmitted.

This declarant saith also that he had several other tours in the revolutionary service, to wit.

He enlisted as a soldier in the month of April 1782, in the town of Florida & County of Montgomery & State aforesaid for the term of nine months in Capt French's company & Col. Willett's regiment then commanding on the Mohawk in the New York line & served in said company until the following January to wit 1783, when he was dismissed per order at Fort Herkimer together with the rest of said regiment without any written discharge.

And that he was in no general action during the last mentioned term of time.

Also saith that he was with Col. Brown in 1781 in the battle at Stone Arabia in the County of Montgomery & State aforesaid and was also in the Monmouth Battle in 1777—but was not then a soldier on the continental establishment. (Signed) Israel Wilson.

And in pursuance of the act of the first May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the

provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed. (Signed) Israel Wilson

Schedule of the real & personal estate of Israel Wilson of Canajoharrie, County of Montgomery & State of New York.

Real Property. One half acre of land with a small dwelling house on the same with one room only—on which there is a mortgage for \$40 with interest.

Personal Estate—1 small cow, 2 old chests, 1 table, 1 two pail kettle, 1 Bake kettle—1 Tea kettle, 1 small kettle, an earthen tea pot, 9 cups & saucers, 4 plates, 1 Wooden pail—1 tin pail, 1 churn, 1 Cullender, 4 Tin Basins, 1 Tin skinner, 1 Tin Dipper, 6 old spoons, 8 old knives and forks, 6 tea spoons, 1 Sugar Bowl, 1 milk cups, 2 Bowls, and old tin bake pan, 5 old chairs, 1 old Trammel, 1 Looking glass old & small 1 old Fire Shovel, an old axe, 1 Small spinning wheel, 1 Large Do [Spinning Wheel] one bag – A shoemakers bench & old Tools, 1 Wash tub, 1 old meal Tub, 1 small pickle tub, 1 soap tub—1 candlestick, 1 pair smoothing irons.

And the said Israel Wilson on his oath saith also that he is indebted on his house & lot by Mortgage \$40 & interest—To Warner & Gros for goods \$20, today catty about \$6.00. And the said Israel saith also that his family consists of the following persons. To wit. Cynthia his wife aged fifty six years, very weakly and able to perform very little labour, Possessing naturally a slender constitution—Andrew his son & Ann his daughter, twins aged 14 years. James his son & Jane his daughter twins aged 10 years nearly. The above named children enjoy tolerable health—with Slender constitutions & able to contribute but partially to their own support, and the said Israel saith also that he is lame & has been since the year 1777 with a swollen & callous ancle [ankle] that his health is miserably poor—that he is a shoemaker by trade, but is able to labor only a very small portion of the time. And that he is in very indigent circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support. (Signed) Israel Wilson

Sworn to and declared on the 14th day of October, 1824 in open court before the said Court. Henry F. Yates, Clerk

On a separate piece of paper.

Israel Wilson, his son, born 1758, lived in Middlefield, Otsego Co., New York.

Helen Mar Wilson, daughter of Israel Wilson, was born April 6, 1797, married Elias Denison, lived Skaneateles, and Seneca Falls, New York.

Alma Denison, daughter of Helen Mar Wilson, and Elias Denison, born Skaneateles, May 1822. She married Lyman G. Giddings, lived Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Helen Giddings, daughter of Alma Denison and Lyman Giddings, born Seneca Falls, N.Y. now Mrs. Charles T. Day, 1522 Clay St., San Francisco.

Mrs. Helen Irene Wilson Wrights father Samuel was the son of Israel, and the brother of my grandmother, Helen Mar Wilson Denison.