

## **Pension Application for James Wilson**

S.23076

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this twenty eighth day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, now sitting James Wilson a resident of the town of Clarkstown in the County of Rockland and State of New York aged eighty four years, who being 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein state.

That in the month of June 1776 he was ordered out on duty in a company commanded by Capt Garret Acker, Isaac Coe was a Lieutenant (he at that time resided at the now town of Clarkstown) in a regiment commanded by Colonel Hawkes Hay, the British shipping then lay in the Hudson River and County being infested by many refugees and the Tories as many of the Citizens was unfriendly to the independence of the United States, so that all the men able to bear arms, that was friendly to the independence of America was obliged to enter into the defence and he was stationed as guard at different places along the Hudson River and Scouting through different parts of the now county of Rockland and the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey, that he continued to serve almost continually in the said company being out for more than six month[s] at one time until the month of September 1778, then that time was stationed at Tappan, and was there taken prisoner by the British, and was carried to New York and confined in the Sugar House for more than six weeks, when he was exchanged and sent home.

That he after entered into the service in a company commanded by Capt Henry Tenure in the said Regiment commanded by Col. A. Hawkes Hay as aforesaid and served therein until the close of the Revolutionary War, in the following manner that is to say, the Militia at that time being divided into classes of four men in a class, and had to be out on duty but towards the close of the war, one of a class was thought sufficient and he served the greater part of the time during 78, 79 & 80 as he often done the duty of others in the class, and often in such cases compelled to be out from two to ten days, as at times they took long marches after the enemy. That in the years above stated he was much of his time engaged in attending on guard as well as in scouting parties, except in the severity of winter, as he was seldom at home at the seasons of the year more than one or two days at a time to rest or attend to any domestick [domestic] concerns.

That he is now unable correctly to State the exact time in which he was engaged in actual service as near half a century has classed and age has so impaired his memory so that he cannot recollect events and in circumstances as he once did—but he can positively declare, without doing a wrong to his conscience or his country that the whole of his services put together would exceed two years.

That he has no documentary evidence of any of his aforesaid services, and all the proof he can offer is the testimony of some of his surviving partners in the war.

That he resided in the said war in the town of Clarkstown aforesaid, and since the said war he has resided in the town of Orange in the said Cuinty some part of his time, the remainder in the said town of Clarkstown, and is known to most of the Citizens of both towns, who can testify to his character and veracity, 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. (Signed with his mark) James Wilson

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in one Court. David Pye,  
Clerk