

### **Pension Application for James Wilson**

W.16479 (Widow: Elizabeth) James died Sept 28, 1807.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this second day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight personally appeared before the Hon. David F. Sacia one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County, Elizabeth Wilson, a resident of the Town of Minden in the said County aged on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1837, was aged 79 years, according to the best of her information & belief, who being first by me duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of James Wilson who was in the war of the revolution a soldier, & acted at least part of the time as a non-commissioned officer as she knows of his [warning?] into service those who were bound to do duty, from information & belief, that her said husband did duty before her intermarriage with him as she understood from him & believes.

That he served under Jacob Diefendorff Capt. (in the company whereof one Henry Diefendorff has been Capt until his death as she understood & believes) & in the Regt whereof Samuel Clyde was Col. In Genl Herkimer's Brigade she believes—that her said husband was occasionally absent from home in the service, but cannot now state the particulars of all his service—but well remembers that after their marriage he was engaged in a of duty to Johnstown & was in ;the battle there had as he informed her & she believes & was absent & some days at the time which was as she is informed and believes in Aug't 1781.

That she knows her said husband did service in Fort Plan, but cannot state how long, in said war, & that she saw him armed in said Fort & standing sentry—that she heard her husband say that he had been to Cherry Valley on duty & there saw the inhabitants killed & property destroyed by the Indians & Tories before her marriage; that her said husband may have served under other officers than those named by her—& she further declares that she was married by the Rev'd Daniel Gross in the month of February or March 1781 at the house of a Mr. Woolkamooth [sic]—that she cannot state the precise day, of which of said months she was married as aforesaid to the said James Wilson as she never saw or knew of any record of her marriage aforesaid & that the records of the Rev. Mr. Gross who married her she understood d& believes were destroyed in the war by the enemy, or cannot be found.

That her said husband the aforesaid James Wilson died on the 28 September 1807 according to the best of her recollection & b belief--; & that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed; that she cannot write her name, but makes her mark & is infirm on account of her age. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Wilson

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me. D. F. Sacia  
Judge of Montgomery County Courts.

Letter in folder dated January 21, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that the Revolutionary War records of this bureau show that one Elizabeth Wilson received pension on account of the services of her husband, James Wilson, who died in 1807.

She was living in Minden, Montgomery Count, New York in 1837 when she applied for pension.