

### **Pension Application for Robert Wilson**

W.7746 (Amelia Wickox, Former Widow)

B.L.Wt.2369-160. Ensign

Issued Aug 25, 1790 to William Cline, assignee. No papers

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#### Family Record-Births

George Stuart Wilson born on Monday Oct 3d 1803

Anne Moreley Wilsn Born on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1805.

Jane G. Wilson born Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1807.

James Gregg Wilson born June 14<sup>th</sup> 1800 on Thursday

Sophia Dunham Hickcox born on March 20<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Ann Underhill Mekeel daughter of Ann & Caleb Meekeel was born Nov'r 17<sup>th</sup> 1835, on Tuesday morn.

Julia Ann Wilson daughter of George L. & Julia R. Wilson born at Goversenor, N.Y. Aug 10, 1836.

Robert Preston Wilson son of Geo. T. & Julia R. Wilson born at Sackets Harbor, N.Y. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1839.

#### Family Record-Marriages

Robert Wilson married Amelia Dunham Jan 9<sup>th</sup> AD 1803.

Benjamin Hickcox married Amelia Wilson March 4<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Anna M.D. Wilson, daughter of Robert and Amelia Wilson, married Caleb Mekeel Nov'br 10<sup>th</sup> 1832.

George L. Wilson married Julia R. Preston Aug 26, 1835.

James G. Wilson married Caroline T. Vail, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1836.

Sophia D. Hickox, daughter of Benjamin & Amelia Hickcox, married Albert G. Gridley, Oct 7, 1839.

#### Family Record—Deaths

Robert Wilson died May 30<sup>th</sup> 1811.

Anne M. D. Mekeel died Nove 23<sup>rd</sup> 1835.

Jane A. Wilson died May 8, 1837.

George S. Wilson, died May 17, 1841.

James Griegg Wilson died July 31<sup>st</sup> 1857.

Letter in folder dated May 15, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to the Revolutionary War officers, Ensign Robert Wilson, who was selected to receive the British colors at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.7746, based on the Revolutionary War service of Robert Wilson.

Robert Wilson was born in New York City, date not given. He father (name not shown) died before the Revolution. At the beginning of the Revolution his widowed mother, name not given, with her six children, all younger than Robert except one, were driven out of New York City and went to Albany, New York.

While living there Robert Wilson enlisted early in the Revolution, at which time he was about twelve years of age, and served as fifer with the New York troops in the company of his mother's brother, Captain James Gregg, until June 9, 1781, when he was commissioned ensign in the First New York Regiment, and served until the close of the Revolution. He was engaged in battles, fought between the British and Indians in the valley of the Mohawk River. Colonel Hamilton appointed him officer of the day to conduct the ceremony of receiving the British flags when Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. He received the colors of twenty-eight British regiments from twenty-eight British captains and handed them to twenty-eight American sergeants.

Robert Wilson was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Because of the service of Robert Wilson as ensign in the New York line, Warrant #2369 for 150 acres of bounty land was issued August 25, 1769, to William Cline, assignee.

While living with his mother in Manlius, New York, he married January 9, 1803, Amelia Dunham who was born January 2, 1782, and was the daughter of Daniel Dunham. At the time of his marriage, Robert Wilson was postmaster and justice of the peace.

Robert and Amelia Wilson had the following children: George Stuart, born October 3, 1803, died May 17, 1841, married Julia R. Preston, August 16 or 26, 1835, and had a daughter, Julia Anne, who was born August 10, 1836, at Gouverneur, New York, and a son Robert Preston who was born July 13, 1839, at Sacketts Harbor, New York; Anne Moseley D. Wilson who was born July 18, 1805, died November 23, 1836, married Caleb McKeel November 10, 1832, and had a daughter, Anne Underhill born November 16 or 17, 1835; Jane Gray Wilson or Jane A. Wilson who was born June 9, 1807, and died May 8, 1837; James Gregg who was born June 14, 1809, married Caroline T. Vail May 17, 1836, and he died July 31, 1850 or 1851.

Robert Wilson died May 30, 1811, at New Hartford, Oneida County, New York, where he had gone on a business trip. He then lived in Manlius, New York.

His widow, Amelia, married March 4, 1814, at Manlius, New York, Benjamin Hickcox, and they immediately moved to Clinton, New York. They had a daughter, Sophia Dunham, born March 20, 1821, who married Albert G. Gridley October 7, 1839, and lived in Clinton, New York.

Benjamin Hickcox died September 5, 1845, at Clinton, New York.

On account of the Revolutionary War services of Robert Wilson, Amelia Hickcox was allowed pension on her application executed July 16, 1853, at which time she was living in Clinton, New York.

In 1853, Amelia Hickcox's sister, Sophia Sloan, who was born September 29, 1785, was living in Collins, Erie County, New York, and was the wife of Sturgeon Sloan. In 1853, another sister, Phylura Blood who was born October 25, 1783, was living in Manlius, New York, and was the widow of Isaac Blood.

On April 23, 1855, Amelia Hickcox was living in Kirkland, New York, and applied for additional bounty land because of the Revolutionary War service of her first

husband, Robert Wilson. She received Warrant #3 for 10 acres under the Act of March 3, 1855.