

## **Pension Application for Walter Wilson**

S.14860

### Original Claim

Declaration to be placed on the Pension List under the act of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

County of Rensselaer: SS

Court of Common Pleas

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1831 [sic] personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the County of Rensselaer Walter Wilson Resident in said County aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath makes the following Declaration. In order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Walter Wilson enlisted for the Term of the war on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777. In the State of New York in the Company Commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment.

That he continued to serve in the said Corps until May 1779 when he was omitted from the Service in the State of New York.

And the said Walter Wilson doth solemnly make oath that the cause of his being omitted was that he was absent on a Furlow, Sick and that he did not entirely recover until two or three years after the close of the war.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

That his name is not on the roll of any state except New York.

And that the following is the reason for not making earlier application for a pension.

That until now or within a few weeks past his children have lived with him and while they lived with him, they furnished him with the means of subsistence.

They have now left him and he is destitute of the means of support and must unless he obtains a pension from the United States become dependent on public [public] Charity.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820—I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on t he 18<sup>th</sup> 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 and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary service of the United States” Passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, no changes have been made in my property.

I have no property except one bed and bedding and one suit of clothes. (Signed with his mark) Walter Wilson

Witness Daniel S. Gleason

Letter in folder dated March 23, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Walter Wilson, who died in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York, after 1840.

You are furnished below the record of the only soldier named Walter Wilson found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.14860, based upon his service in the Revolution.

Walter Wilson was born at Nine Partners in Dutchess County, New York, and was the son of Thomas Wilson; the date of his birth and name of mother are not shown.

Walter Wilson enlisted sometime in 1775, served as private in Captain Abraham Swartwout's company, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment, stationed at Fort Montgomery, and was discharged after having served nine months. Soon after he enlisted and served about three months as a private in Captain Isaac Belknap's New York company of rangers. He enlisted March 4, 1777, for the term of the war, in the State of New York, served as private in Captain Israel Smith's company, under Colonels Henry B. Livingston, Van Cortland and Frederick Weisenfels and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Regnier, in the New York troops, served until May, 1779, when he was furloughed on account of illness and returned to his home in Hoosaick, Rensselaer County, New York, and did not recover until after the close of the war. During his service, he was in the battles of White Plains, Saratoga where he was present at the surrender of Burgoyne, wintered at Valley Forge, was in the battle of Monmouth and afterwards wintered at Fort Plain. Soldier's father and brother Abraham also served in the Revolution, his father being wounded.

Walter Wilson was allowed pension on his application executed October 22, 1832, at which time he was aged about seventy-four years and residing in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, which was his place of residence the year before. He died February 23, 1842.

No reference was made in the claim to Walter Wilson's wife, but in 1831 he referred to his children but did not give any names or state how many children he had.