

Pension Application for William Wilson

W.19642 (Widow: Mary) Mary Helm married William Wilson on March 30, 1786, and he died April 6, 1837.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

County of Ulster SS

On this 11th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common Pleas of the County of Ulster aforesaid now sitting William Wilson a Resident of the Town of Warwarsing [Wawarsing] in the said County aged 71 years the 23rd day of the present month, who being first 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 7th 1832.

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

1st that in the month of June in the year 1778 I served with preferred team at the Building of Fort Constitution at West Point in the State of New York during the term of 3 or 4 weeks, and in the month of September following I served as a private being called out for that purpose under the command of Capt. Samuel Watkins who resided in Orange Co. N. York.

2nd and was but sent to the Indian frontiers at Warwarsing in the said State of New York – and served one month—from thence removed the first of October to a place called Lackawack

3rd in said tours where I served half a month under one Captain Pell, at said last place I was discharged & returned home at Newburgh and in the month of September in the year 1779 I enlisted in Newburgh aforesaid under Captain William Cummins & Colonel Mitchells Regiment in the Waggon Masters department for the term of one year in the Continental line of the army and served in said Service of the said term of one year employed a driving a team getting stores, provided provisions &c, &c., and at the expiration of said year service I entered as a substitute for one David Reading of said company of Said William Cummins in said Colonel Mitchells Regiment for the term of six months at the end of which time I was regularly discharged—and further while in the last mentioned service as a substitute as aforesaid I was employed in some business of teaming &c. That in the whole of the said service I was engaged as a private. That I was regularly and steadily employed in the whole near 20 months that though attached to the Baggage Teams I was a regular volunteer under Captain in the said Service as aforesaid.

That to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he answers to the first.

1st That he was born in the Town of Newburgh in the County of orange on the 23rd day of September 1761.

2nd That his age is recorded in the Episcopalian Church in Newburgh aforesaid.

3rd That he was living in the Town of New Windsor at the time that he entered the service and lived there untill 1784 and then removed to Rochester in Ulster

County—the said Town having been divided and the part in which he lived was called Warwasing where he still lives.

4th That he was a volunteer for each service and a substitute.

5th That the names of some of Regular Officers where I served in the Private Service as first set forth I was at West Point—that while there in 1778. Col. Haythorn's Regiment lay there that Captain Moody had a small company of Artillery there.

That while in the 2nd Service set forth for 1 month said for ½ a month he was in the vicinity of no regular troops. That he was sent as a guard in the said Companies to the frontier—

That next in the 4th Engagement he was in the Company of Capt. Cummins & Col Mitchells Regiment in the Waggon masters department. That he was employed in regular service in the vicinity of the State troops and as a part there of that his service was not occasional but of a forage and ammunition transport for the service—that during the said years service that he was conveying nationals for [?] to Trenton N.J. from Newburgh N.Y.—that when at a or near Smiths Clove in Orange County in the Town of Monroe he met the army of General Washington on their way to Newburgh at which place they took up their had Quarters—he returned with them—this was in the eyar³ 1780 in the winter about February.

6th That he never received a discharge in writing only verbally.

7th that he produces Jacob Wiggins of Shawagunk to prove his services and produces a certificate which is hereunto attached that in bearing date the 18th day of June 1832 of Abm Smith taken before Judge Smith of Sullivan Intending at that time to apply before a Judge of the Court—but after finding it [?] to appear in open court.

That he could not procure a Clergyman in Court from the neighborhood in which he resides that he produces Charles Harthorn Capt and Conrad Bevier Esqr to prove his good character and neighborhood reputation.

That he herby relinquishes his 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) William Wilson

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. A. G. Hardenburgh, Abm A. Deyo, Judges.