

Indiana Terre Haute
~~1832~~ 1832

William Melton
of Wm. Co. in the State of Ky.
who was a Private in the C. A. P. commanded
by Captain Miller of the 1st Regt. commanded
by Col. Peyton in the Territory of Va.
line for 9 months

Enrolled on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of \$20 Dollars or 20 Cents per annum.
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 16th day of June
1832, and Sent Home
to the State of Ky.

Arrears to the 1st of March 1832 \$96.00
Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st Feb. 1832 15.00
\$111.00

{ Revolutionary Claim }
{ Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by N. K. Alderson Clerk.
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to Pen Agent D. May 1838

To be paid to State Indiana from
4 March 1837 - 31 July 1838 of
Note fiducian sent to Pension
Rockville Park County Ind.

Settled to J. D. Lauer & S. Auditor
23 July 1839

Paid at the Treasury under the
Act of the 6th April 1838 from 4
March 1837 to 4 March 1838 age
notified 7th Feb 1839

State of Kentucky }
Henry County } 88

On the 20th day of December 1833 personally appeared before me David Adams one of the Justices of the peace in and for Henry County and one of the Judges of the County Court of Henry County William Shelton aged 86 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

He states that he entered the service of the United States and was at that time in the State and under the following named officers that he was living in Stafford County State of Virginia some time in the year of 1780 in the month of August he thinks a draft took place in said County of Stafford for three months when he was drafted and was under the following named officers that he was a man Capt. Charles Rolle and was attached to Col. Samuel Payton's regiment he states that they were engaged at the Court House in Stafford County and was then marched by the said Capt. Rolle under the command of Col. Payton down through King George County and was stationed on the Potomac River the object of stationing the regiment was to prevent the British

from landing and destroying the property of the inhabitants
as they were in the habit of committing destruction and
stealing the negroes near the river he states that the
regiments was alternately employed in going up and
down the river to prevent the boats from landing they
at one time effected a landing and after taking
every thing of any value to them they burnt the
house of Mr. Brent to flames and his stack yard con-
-sisting of wheat oats and hay were all consumed the state
after traversing the river until his time of discharge
out he was discharged by his superior officers some
time in Nov 1780 — In the summer of 1781 about the

month of July as well as he now remembers he states
that he was again captured from the county of Stafford
for a term of six months and served under Capt

William Hagan and was attached to both
of an ^{regiment} and he states that they were ordered at Stafford
Court house and was then marched to Frenchs
-burg on the Appalachen mountains where they were sta-
tioned for a short period waiting for more when
he marches they were then marched to Bowling Green

thence to Richmond thence to Petersburg where
he joined Washingtons army he states that they then

under the command of Washington marched
to Yorktown where the British army under the
command of Cornwallis was then stationed
he states that on arriving at Yorktown he was
taken sick and the hospital being badly
provided for and his disease seemed to increase
he was furnished to ⁹¹in to the country to remain
until he was fit for duty in consequence of
which he states that he did not participate in
the capture of Cornwallis after his health was restored
he states that he was marched back to Stafford
county where he was discharged by order
of a court having served his time for which he
was arrested he states that he has no document
- any recollection of his service and know of no living witness
by whom he can prove said service he then by a bargain
his own claim whatever to a pension or annuity except
the grant and receive the same is not on the pension
roll of the agency of any state ~~of~~ ^{this} ~~person~~ ~~Shelton~~
sworn to and subscribed by me this date and year
of a said David Adams quarter of the town
for Henry County

Bennington put
by the Magistrate }

Ques - When and in what year were you born

ans - I was born in Charles County State of Maryland
in the year of 1747

Ques - Have you any record of your age

ans - I have not at this time - I have had (but it is now
misplaced

Ques - Where were you living when called into the
service - when have you lived since the revolu-
tionary war and where do you now live

ans - I was living in Stafford County State of Virginia
when I was called into the service which
I remained till the year of 1815 I then moved
to Shelby County Kentucky and I now live in
Henry County Ky.

Ques - How were you called into the service were
you drafted did you volunteer or did
you substitute and if you substituted for
whom

ans - I was drafted in both cases

Ques - State the names of some of the regular offi-
cers who were with the troops when you served
and such contractors and public agents
as you can now recollect and the general
circumstances of your service

ans - among my first term there was no regular

officers and only one regiment and that
was commanded by Col. Payton on
my east side. The ^{was} General Washington
General Peay and General Lafayette
and General Ligonier

Ques - Did you ever receive a discharge and by
whom was it signed and what has become of it
Ans - I did receive two written discharges one for
a term of three months given by Peay and
another for a term of six months signed by
Col. Garraud these discharges I have
ever not thinking that I should ever want
them

Ques - Give the name of some of your neighbors who
can testify to your character for veracity and
then be by of your service as a soldier of the
revolution

Ans - I will name Mr. Simeon Knight and Mr.
Joseph Cabana

I Simeon Knight do certify that I have been well
acquainted with Mr. Wilson Mutton who has
sworn to and subscribed the above the declaration
for 40 years he has during that time ^{he has} sustained
an unquestionable character for veracity and he
is believed by all his neighbors to have been a
soldier of the revolution and that I know in this

Application for a transfer.

State of Indiana, Parke County, S.S.

On this 16th day of July 1833, before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace for said County of Parke personally appeared Wilson Shelton, who on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Ballard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Carrington in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in Parke County and State of Indiana, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Kentucky to the State of Indiana - to wit - That his daughter Mrs. Margaret Harding with whom he has lived about twenty seven years moved to the State of Indiana in the spring of the year 1831, and it was his wish that he should come with her, and as he had lived with his said daughter so long, and he being very feeble and infirm, it was his wish to be with his said daughter so that he might be carefully nursed, and taken care of in his old age, he not being able to walk without assistance.

Wilson ^{his} Shelton
mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this day and year aforesaid

Henry Harvis J.P. (seal)

August 23, 1939.

Miss Ida G. Lyons
936 New Hampshire Street
Lawrence, Kansas

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2A-J/ady
Wilson Shelton
S. 31955

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to Wilson Shelton, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S. 31955, based upon the military service of Wilson Shelton in that war.

Wilson Shelton was born in 1747, in Charles County, Maryland, day, month, and the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Stafford County, Virginia, Wilson Shelton enlisted in August 1780, served as private in Captain Charles Rolls' Company, Colonel Samuel Payton's Virginia Regiment and was discharged in November 1780. He enlisted in July 1781, and served six months as private in Captains William Harden's and Ballard's Companies, Colonel William Garretts or Garrard's Virginia Regiment.

In 1810 he moved from Stafford County, Virginia, to Shelby County, Kentucky.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 20, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Henry County, Kentucky.

About 1838 he moved from Kentucky, to Parke County, Indiana, with his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Harding, with whom he had resided about twenty-seven years.

In 1838, one Mason Harding was of Parke County, Indiana, his age and relationship to the family not given. There are no further family data.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name of person paid and possibly the death date of soldier, you should apply to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and cite the following data: "Wilson Shelton, Certificate No. 26822, issued June 6, 1834, rate \$30.00 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, Kentucky Agency transferred to Terre Haute Indiana Agency".

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator