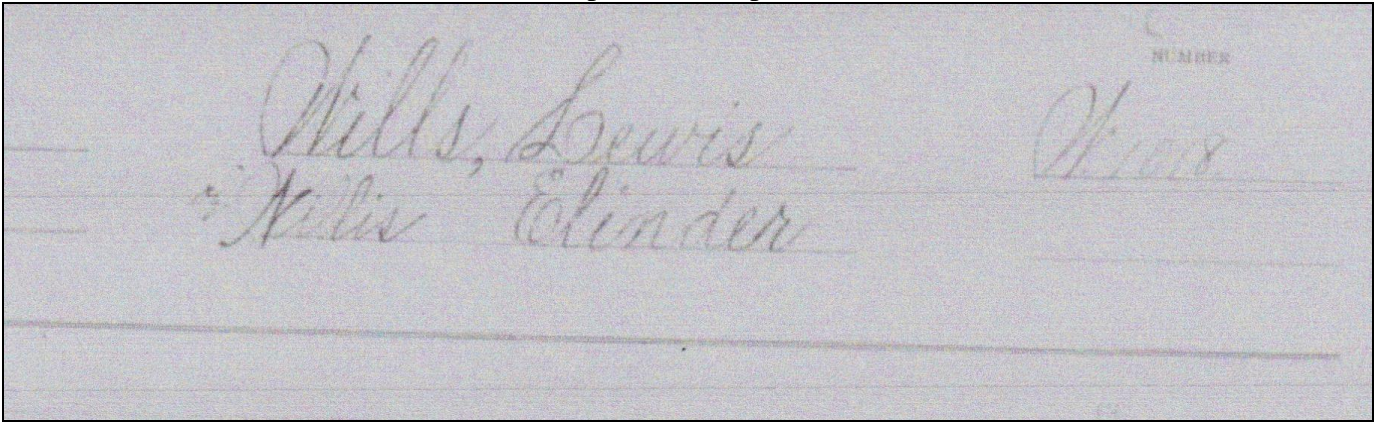


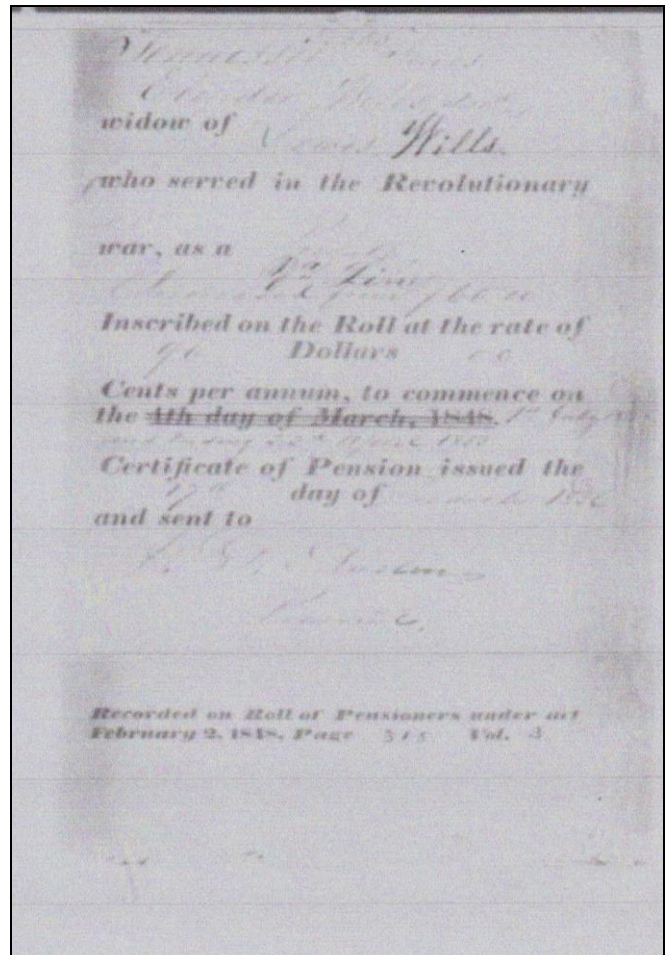
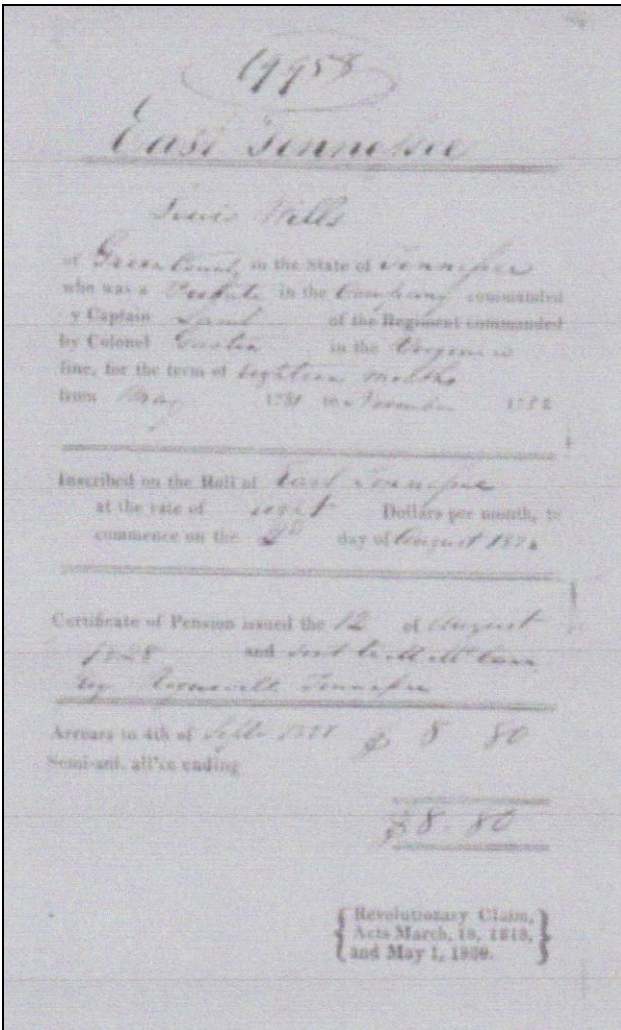
LEWIS WILLS

[Although Lewis Wills and later his widow, Ellender, applied for and received Pension, the applications' quality are too poor to be reproduced here.]



Lewis Wills was Pensioned August 12, 1828
Under the Act of 1815

Widow, Ellender, was Pensioned \$60 per year
under the Act of July 7, 1838



Lewis Wills drowned in the Nolachucky River in Greene County in 1832.

From the book, *History of Nolachucky Chapter* [Greene County, Tennessee] NSDAR:
Service: Private, entered the army for 18 months in VA; served in Capt. Lamb's Company, Col. Gaskin's Regiment; was discharged at Winchester Barracks, VA after serving his term; was in a battle under General Wain at Jamestown and was at the taking of Cornwallis at Little York.

Pension Application of Lewis Wills (Willis) W1018

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee }
Green [sic] County }

On this 1 day of September 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the 1st Judicial district of s'd state Lewis Will's resident in said County aged Eighty three years who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Lewis Wills entered the Army of the United States for the term of Eighteen months on or about the first of May 1781 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Lamb [sic: Nathan Lamme] in the Regt commanded by Colonel Castins [sic: Thomas Gaskins] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That He continued to serve in said Corpse until the expiration of the term of service when he was discharged from the service at Winchester Barracks in the State of Virginia, that during his term of service he was in a battle under General Wain at old James Town [sic: Anthony Wayne at Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and at the taking of Lord con Wallice at little York [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]

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 Virginia and that he has never rec'd one cent from any of the States or the United States by way of a pension

That the following is the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension Viz – That he was not willing to ask any thing from his government while he was able to support himself by his labour But now by reason of old age and bodily infirmity he is reduced to the humiliating necessity to ask assistance from that Government that he has assisted to establish by devoting the best periods of his life to the Service of his Country. That he is a farmer by profession and is in such indigent circumstances that he needs the assistance of his Country

And in persuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day 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 me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the year 1818 the following changes have been made in my property Towit – In the year 1818 I was in the possession of a Tract of Land that I purchased from one Tenker but was unable to pay him for said Land and consequently had to sell it to a Mr. Sam'l. Bowman to pay for the Sar[page damaged] 2 Cows But now dead and horse beast which died some years ago – So that Applicant has not now one dollars worth of property in the world save his wearing apparral necessary beading [bedding] – Sworn & subscribed the day & date first above written Lewis hisXmark Will's [Thomas Lackey (pension application W8023) made a supporting declaration.]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: Lewis Willies/ age 16/ height 5' 5"/ dark hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Stafford County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 22 Mar 1781. Sized 27 Apr 1781.

On 27 Sep 1845 Elinder Wills, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married Lewis Wills in

Nash County NC on 15 Oct 1792, and he died in Greene County TN on 5 Mar 1832. On 28 Apr 1848 her name and age were given as Elender Willis, 75. On 3 Mar 1856 Jacob Wills, son of Lewis and Elender Wills, applied for the amount of pension owed to his mother up to her death on 22 April 1853 in behalf of himself and the other children, all living in Greene County: Robert Wills, Sophia Wills, Elender Wills, and Martha Wills. William Rollins and William Houston (pension application S1835) made supporting declarations.

Affidavit for Mother's Pension by son, Jacob Wills:

State of Tennessee
County of Greene for Jacob Wills a resident of the
County of Greene State aforesaid, a grand juror
year, being duly sworn according to Law, states
that he is the son of Lewis Wills & Elender Wills
mentioned in the annexed Certificate of Court &
also the duly appointed administrator of the
Estate of his Mother the above named Elender
Wills that his father the above named Lewis
Wills died in the County of Greene aforesaid on
or about the 5th day of March 1832 & that at
his death he was a Revolutionary Soldier under
the act of March 1818 & that at his death
he left his above named Mother a widow who
also died in the County of Greene aforesaid on
the 22nd day of April 1853 and that at the
time of her death she was also a Revolutionary
Soldier of the United States under the act of
2nd February 1848 at the date of her decease
& that the following named Children are and
the only surviving Children of his said father
& Mother above named & all of whom are above
the age of twenty one years and reside in
the County of Greene aforesaid

by Jacob Wills, the defendant & administrator aforesaid
and Robert Wills, Stephen Wills, Elender Wills
and Martha Wills

That his Mother the defendant
is the daughter of a Revolutionary Soldier of the

it may be found in the said Elder's letter
 by date of the 1st of July 1848, and
 the contents of the same to be in a letter signed as being
 his own. He hereby of himself would be the
 parties to the said letter, under the various acts
 (under which his said Mother was deceased) at
 the date of 1848, he assumes in view of the
 agreement entered into, and he to give to such
 papers in file as they be for proof of the
 date of the death of his said father, as well as the
 Marriage &c of his said Mother & James
 G. Justice of Washington D.C. as hereby authentic
 to prove the said claim, and to all his heirs and
 next of kin, as well as I present —

Done
 E. M. Chandler

Done
 Lewis & Wells
 Junr
 Administrators &c



A Military Headstone was placed in Pine Grove Cemetery in Greene County by descendants.

Another Memorial Marker has been placed in the Wills Cemetery in Johnson County, Tennessee by other descendants.

Because Lewis died in Greene County, local Descendants believe he is buried in the old Sugar Orchard Cemetery in the Houston Valley area in Greene County. This Cemetery no longer exists. The exact location of this graveyard has been forgotten over time.