



Like the other casualties of Colonel McDowell's militia, John Wilfong is omitted from the Kings Mountain monument. [Find a grave, Old St. Paul's, Newton NC.](#)

In 1822 John received a \$2.00 per month pension from the state of North Carolina.

John Wilfong applied for a federal pension in Lincoln County North Carolina 30Oct1832. He testified that in 1780 he lived in Lincoln County and he served under Captain John Sigmon and Lt Van Horn in Colonel McDowell's Burke County militia. Therein he retreated over the mountains to Watauga then returned with the Virginians. He was at the Battle of Kings Mountain where he was wounded in the left arm and went home to recover. By the Summer of 1781 he was in shape to join South Carolina Captain Cowan and Colonel Samuel Hammond in Lincoln County and was in the battle at Eutaw Springs.

The pension deposition may be viewed at <http://www.revwarapps.org/s7951.pdf>

The federal pension was issued to Gent. Vardry McBee of Lincolnton @ \$37.54/month. Like so many of the militia wounded, Wilfong was not allowed consideration of the time and expense for recovering from wounds. Vardry McBee was also reported to be a Kings Mountain veteran as a captain under Major Roebuck.

John was active in Whig Politics, was an elector for Martin Van Buren, opposed Hugh Lawson White of Tennessee, and toasted James Pinckney Henderson who was serving with Sam Houston in Texas seeking independence.

John's father was George Wilfong.

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