

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Windham VAS1718

Mary Windham

vsl 50

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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I do with the Advice of the Council hereby certify that Mary Windham widow of Benjamin Windham, who was a Private in Dabney's [Charles Dabney's] Legion and died in Service of the Commonwealth is entitled to the sum of Ten Pounds yearly; which allowance is to commence from the first January 1788.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 21st day of April 1788

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[p 4 partial image—right margin missing]
Mary the widow of Benjamin Windham
Southampton [County] was left by her husband
having six small children at his death
bound out by the overseers of the p?
Will remain with her. The personal
exhausted in the payment of his debts
Benjamin Windham suffered him to
but since his death has deprived the
land by which she is rendered very

I am well acquainted with
that the same are true as above stated

[5: right margin of image]
late of the County of
[in] very indigent circumstances
four of these have been
[?] two small female children
[?] of Windham was sold
The father of the deceased
[occupy?] a small piece of land
[widow?] of the possession of those
[much?] distressed
[the above?] facts & hereby Certify
RKello [?]
April 1788

(RKello)
April 1788.

[Note: The balance of the papers in this file reflect the annual authorization, appropriation, disbursement and receipt of the pension paid to the widow through 1815. Also Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011, p 884 contains a note that the veteran died "at Plymouth."]