

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Jesse Williams VAS1862

Hannah Williams

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Prince George County Legislative Papers

To the Honourable Speaker of House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia in General Assembly sitting. Your petitioner Hannah Williams widow of Jesse Williams deceased of Prince George County humbly sheweth that her deceased husband Jesse Williams was drafted a soldier in the service of the United States in the year 1777 & marched to the North under the command of Capt. William Epes [William Eppes] for a term of eighteen months service, and departed this life in the service of the United States on or about the year __ as your Orator has been informed and have no way of proving his death but by the affidavit of Thomas Dowden & others accompanying this petition; leaving your Orator with seven infant children to support by her own labor, which she did without any public aid whatsoever, and now do, it is, that your Orator has become old, and infirm and almost helpless, and has not been able to walk one step or to get out of bed without assistance for six months last past, having her Hip, dislocated by a fall from a cart, and entirely unable to support herself from her labor & having no property life which she can be supported; and your petitioner, being advised of the proper mode to get relief, is by petition to the Honourable General Assembly; wherefore your petitioner humbly pray that her petition may be heard by your Honourable body and such relief be granted her for her present & future support as in their wisdom and justice, may think reasonable & Just & Your petitioner ever pray in, etc.

S/ Hannah Williams, X her mark

Prince George County (to wit)

This day Thomas Dowden¹ personally appeared before me Edward Marks Junior a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made Oath that Jesse Williams was drafted a Soldier in the service of the United States in the year 1777 and marched to the North under the command of Capt. William Eppes, for a term of Eighteen Months Service, and that he Departed this life in the service of the United States in the year 1778, and that Hannah Williams is widow of the said Jesse Williams Deceased.

Given under my hand this 16th day of December 1819

S/ Edward Marks, Junior, a Justice of the Peace

¹ Probably the same man as [Thomas Dowden \(Doudeen\) W4181](#)

Hannah Williams Petition
December 20th, 1819
Referred to Claims
Reasonable December 22nd
Reported December 23rd
Bill drawn December 30th