

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Willis VAS4824
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The affidavit of Elkany Andrews [Elkanah Andrews S6507] who says he served on board the galley “Accomack” in the Revolutionary War – that William Willis enlisted on board the “Diligence” [sic] *Diligence* commanded by Capt Watson [Johannes Watson VAS2458] about the time she went into service & remained in service till the said galley was laid up. This deponent thinks that s’d galley was manned in the Spring of 1777 & was laid up in the winter of 1780-81. This deponent says that he is confident all the men were enlisted for 3 years. Elkany Andrews hisXmark
[Accomack County, 30 July 1832]

John Bull Sr. who is a credible Witness & of good memory made oath before me that William Willis enlisted on board of Watsons galley the “Diligence” & remained in service till said galley was dismantled & her crew discharged, a period of nearly or quite four years from the time she was manned. Witness my hand & seal this 19th Sep’r 1832 at Accomack Co Wm. R. Custis JP

Severn Scott [S38355] a Revolutionary pensioner of the U. States & who is a man of truth & veracity came before me & made oath that he served a tour of two years in the 9th Va Reg’t. – that he was discharged at Camp Valley forge Pennsylvania in the year 1778 & came home to Accomack – that he knew William Willis who was on board the galley Diligence when the witness returned from the Army, & that he recollects seeing s’d Willis going & returning to [illegible] until she was laid up, very often [illegible] galley was most of the time cruising in the creeks of Accomack County. Witness my hand & seal this 19th Sep’r 1832. Wm. R. Custis JP

Elcany Andrews who served on board the “Acomack” galley & who is a credible witness made oath before me that he was well acquainted with William Wills, who served on board the “Diligence” – that both galleys were built and manned at the same place & about the same time – that the witness cannot swear positively that said Willis entered s’d galley when she was first manned, but believes he did, & he recollects that s’d Willis was on board when the s’d galleys were ordered to be dismantled & laid up in the winter of 1780-81 – Witness my hand & seal this 23^d Sep. 1832 Wm Riley J.P.

If the Executive should not be satisfied that the galley Diligence was in service upwards of 3 years, they will be pleased to examine the papers in William Miles [VAS666] & Robert White’s [VAS4451] cases.