

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Williams VAS5028
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Compare William Williams VAS5027.]

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Deposition of William Morgan [S7246] aged 77 years of Gloucester County Kingston Parish (now Mathews County Virginia) do hereby certify that I was well and Intimately acquainted with Williams Williams who was a Pilot in the war of the Revolution and that he Entered the united state service as a pilot in the spring of seventeen hundred and seventy six the time Lord Dunmore came to gwynns [sic: Gwynn Island, 9 Dec 1775] and that he was attached to a Lookout Boat [word missing] Caryed a number of troops a cross to the Eastern Shore and on his return was taken prisoner and [kept?] for some six months and he swam of the vessel and returned to the same service and continued; that he was sent to the cape and look out for the french fleet and did bring some of the said fleet in, and that he see him on board a Large french sloop, the largest sloop he ever [saw?], and that he continued in the said sloop [part missing] that he see him on board the (Day Lord Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]) as a pilot, and I believe he caryed the said fleet to sea or a part of [part missing] and I believe that he served to the end of the [war] in some of the Lookout boats Given from under my hand and seal this 1st day of September 1838

William Morgan

The Deposition of Hugh Hudgins [S10884] aged 75 years of Gloucester County Kingston Parish (now Mathews County Virginia) do hereby Certify and Declare that I was well and intermately acquainted with William Williams who was a Pilot in the war of the Revolution and that he Entered in the United States Survice as Early as the spring of seventeen hundred and seventy six and that he caryed troops a cross the Chesapeak [sic: Chesapeake] Bay to the Eastern shore and returning was taken prisoner as I allways understood and do verily believe and kept as a prisoner for some time and swam of the English vessel and joined in the same survice, and that he continued as a pilot and that I allways under stood and do verily believe that he was sent to the Capes of Virginia to bring the french fleet in the bay, and continued as a pilot of one of the french vessels (a sloop or tender to the fleet and so continued till the seige of york, and that he caryed the said vessel to sea, or a part of them. and that he verily believes that he continued in some of the Look out Boats til the end of the War

Given from under my hand and seal this 1st day of September 1838.

Hugh Hudgins

The Deposition of Holder Hudgens aged 68 years of Gloucester County Kingston Parish (now Mathews County Virginia) do hereby certify and Declare that I was well and intermately acquainted with William Williams and allwas under stood and do verily believe that he Entered in the united states survice as Early as May or June in the year of seventeen hundred and seventy six as a Pilot and that he was a pilot in Carying troops a cross to the Eastern Shore and and on his Returning he was taken prisoner and was kept for five or six months to resque him self from prison he swam ashore,

and continued in the said survice as above in some of the Lookout boats – and was appointed by the Commissioners to go out to the Capes to Look out for the french fleet and did bring some of them in, and continued as a pilot in one of the french Lookout Boats till the seigh of york and after that he Caryed some of the fleet to sea which was I believe in the winter of 1781, the reason of his knowing so well is that

the said Williams was frequently at his fathers house while he was in the said Boats to get water, and so continued as Pilot in the Lookout Boats till the end of the War, as I verily beleive Given from under my hand and seal this 1st day of September 1838 [signed] Holder Hudgins

To the honourable David Campbell Governor of Virginia
The memorial of William Williams of Gloucester County Virginia son and only Heir of William Williams formerly of Gloucester county Virginia that he claims to be entitled to bounty land on account of the said William Williams who was a Pilot in the war of the Revolution. that he entered in the service of his Country some time in 1776 in the State Navy and so continued until the End of the war as your memorialist are informed and verily believe that said William Williams served in that Capasity untill the end of the war

Your memorialist verily believe that William Williams never received the bounty Land to which he was entitled and pray that his Claim to the same may be agreed into by your Honour in testimony of the foregoeing facts he has hereunto subscribed his name this 5th day of September 1838
[signed] Wm. Williams

The evidence in this case is not satisfactory to shew that this pilot was a regularly enlisted seaman in the State Navy. Claim rejected DC
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